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It was *how* I *said* it? How did I *say* it?

All I did was ask you a question.

I wasn't yelling or being anything but polite.

I asked you a question.



You're this older man, of, you know, *experience*, and I was asking you a question about something I didn't know the answer to.

And instead of answering the question...

...because I guess you didn't *like* the *answer* you had...

...you *fired* me!

And that's okay, I guess.

I mean, you can fire me for whatever reason you want.



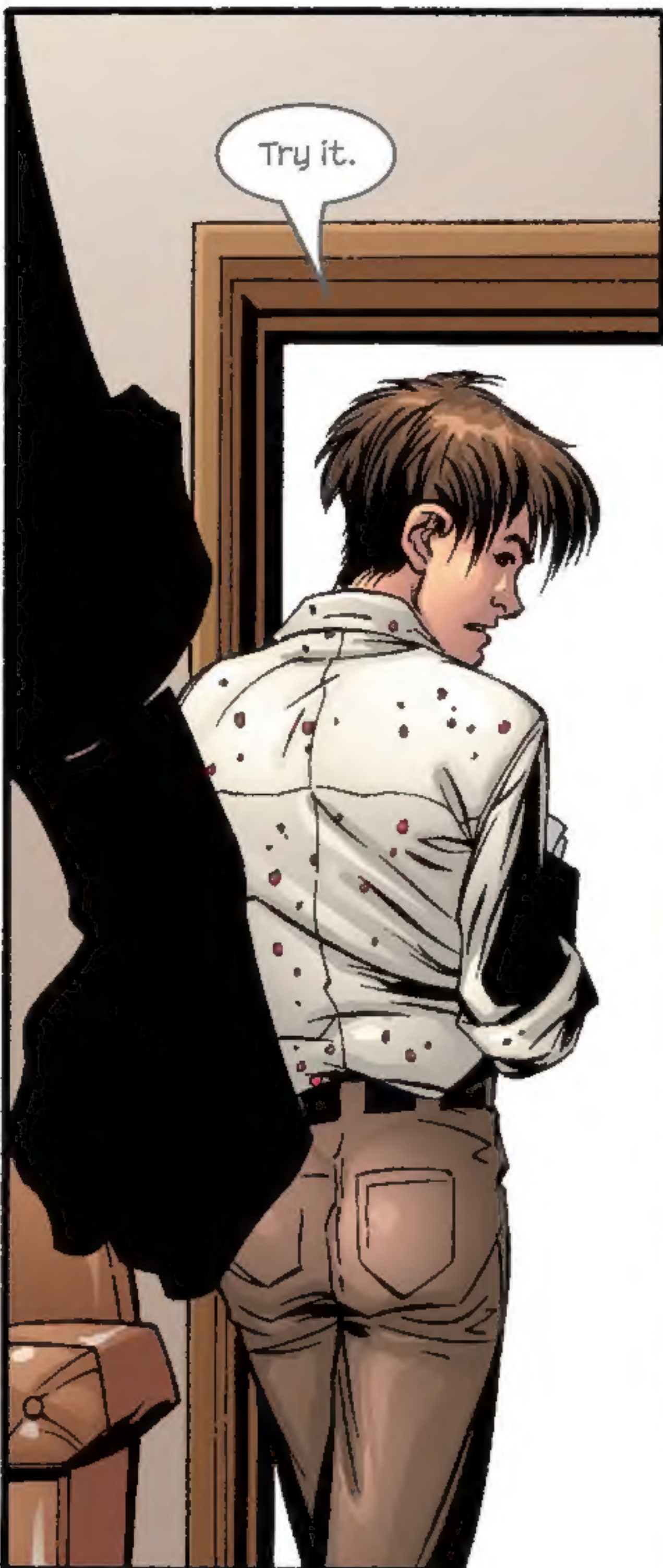
But don't give me that "it's not what I said, it's how I said it".

I asked you a question and you fired me.



And now you're *double* fired.

Do I have to call security?!!



Try it.



Teenagers!

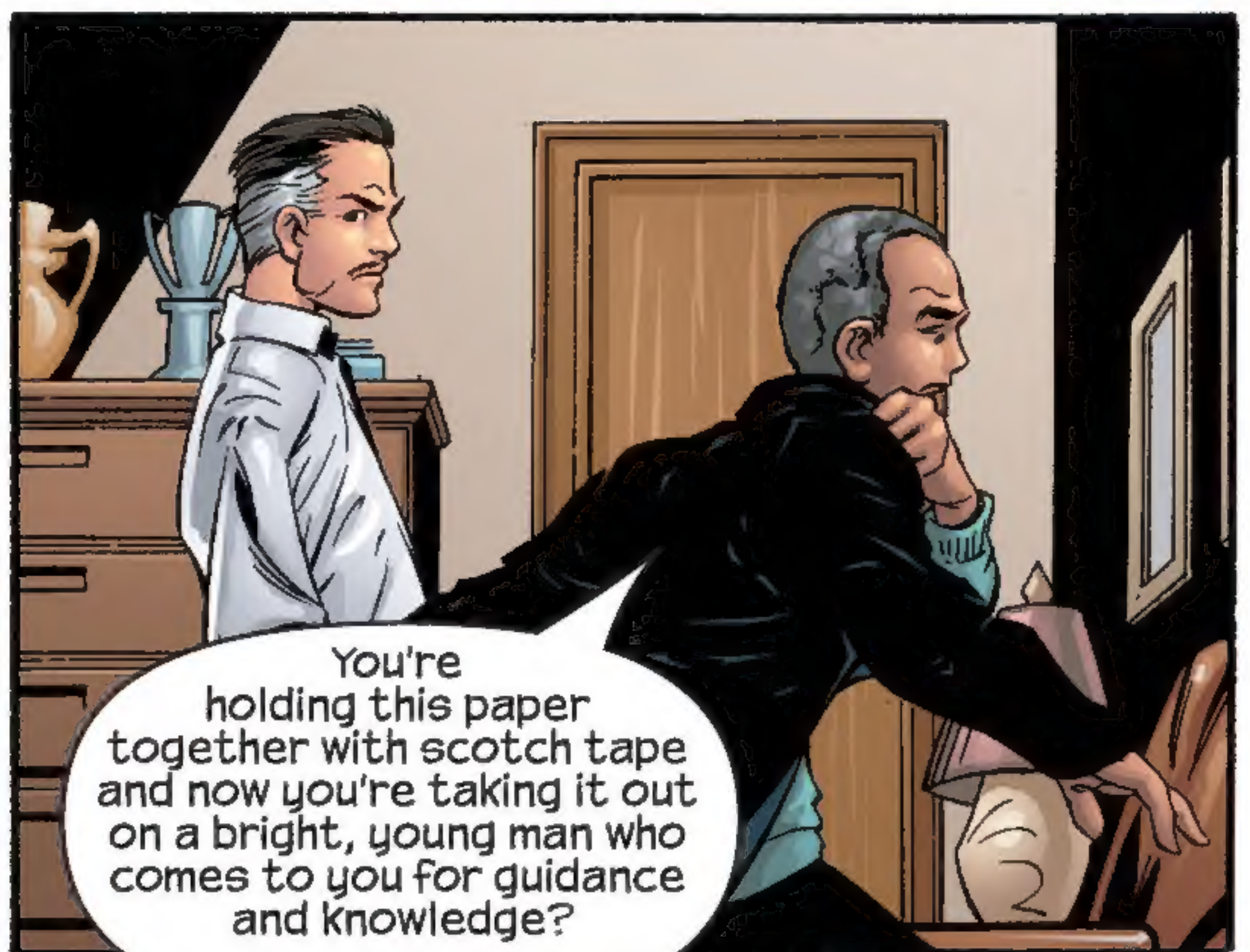
So *this* is you now?

Every time you lose an argument you *fire* the person?

I'm not having this discussion.

Jonah, I've known you twenty years.

I *know* you know that kid is right on the money.



You're holding this paper together with scotch tape and now you're taking it out on a bright, young man who comes to you for guidance and knowledge?



I liked you better when you drank.

I'm going home.



I got fired!!
I opened my
mouth and got
fired!!

Great! Just
great!!

Is there some
kind of *world's
record* I'm hitting
for the youngest
total *loser* in New
York City?!



Is there *any* facet of my
life I haven't *totally*
screwed up?

Ugh!!!

Now I'm going to have
to go get a job at the
mall or something.

Excuse me, sir, would
you like *cheese* on your
hotdog on a stick?

Cheese dog
maker by day,
super hero
by night?

This is
my life?



This is what I
have to look
forward to?

And there it
is. There's Fisk
Tower.

The Kingpin's big
freakin' castle right
in the middle of the
freakin' city.

And he's sitting
up there just having
a big freakin' party.

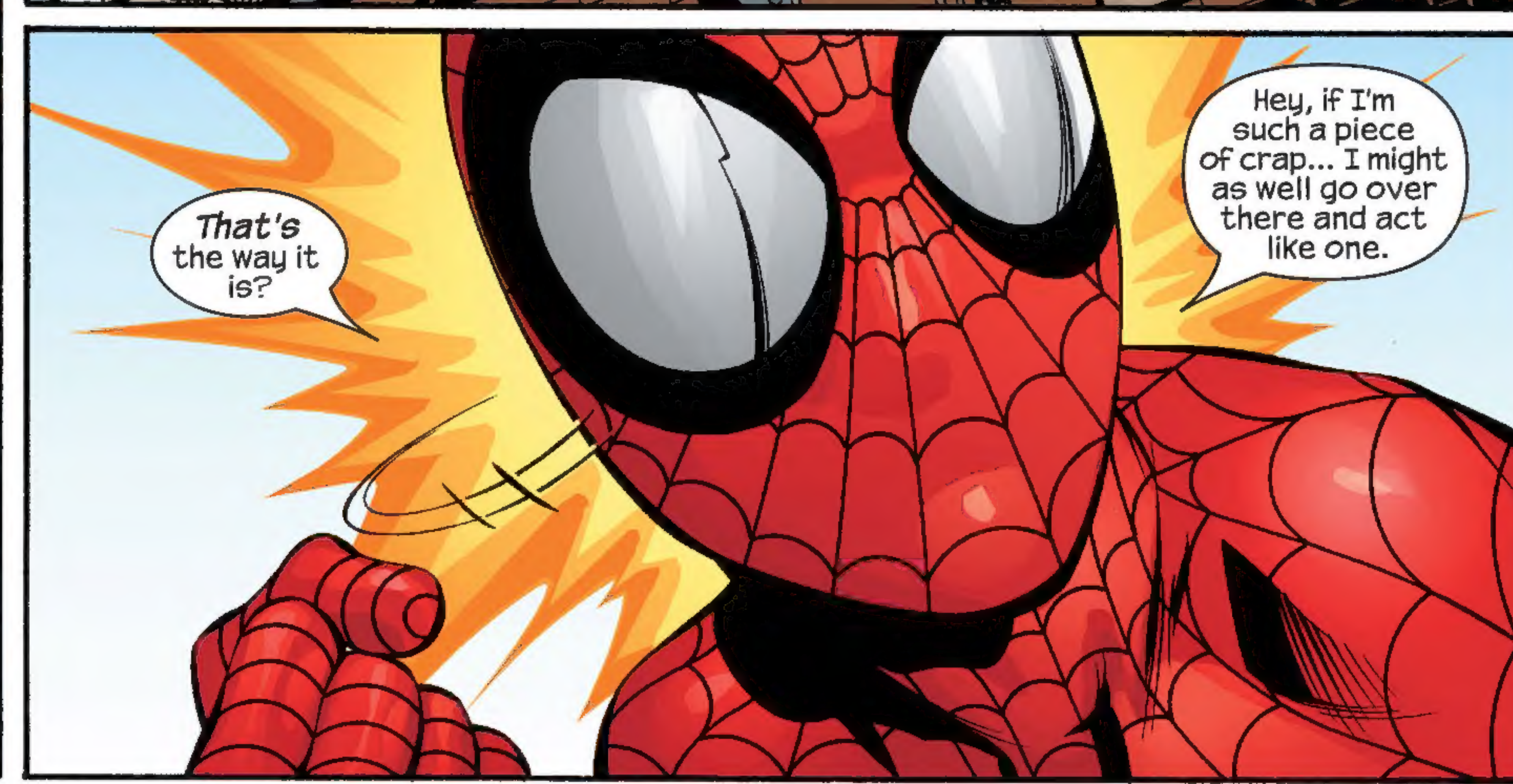
A big "I can do
whatever the
hell I freakin'
want" party!

This is what I
have to deal
with? This is
the world?



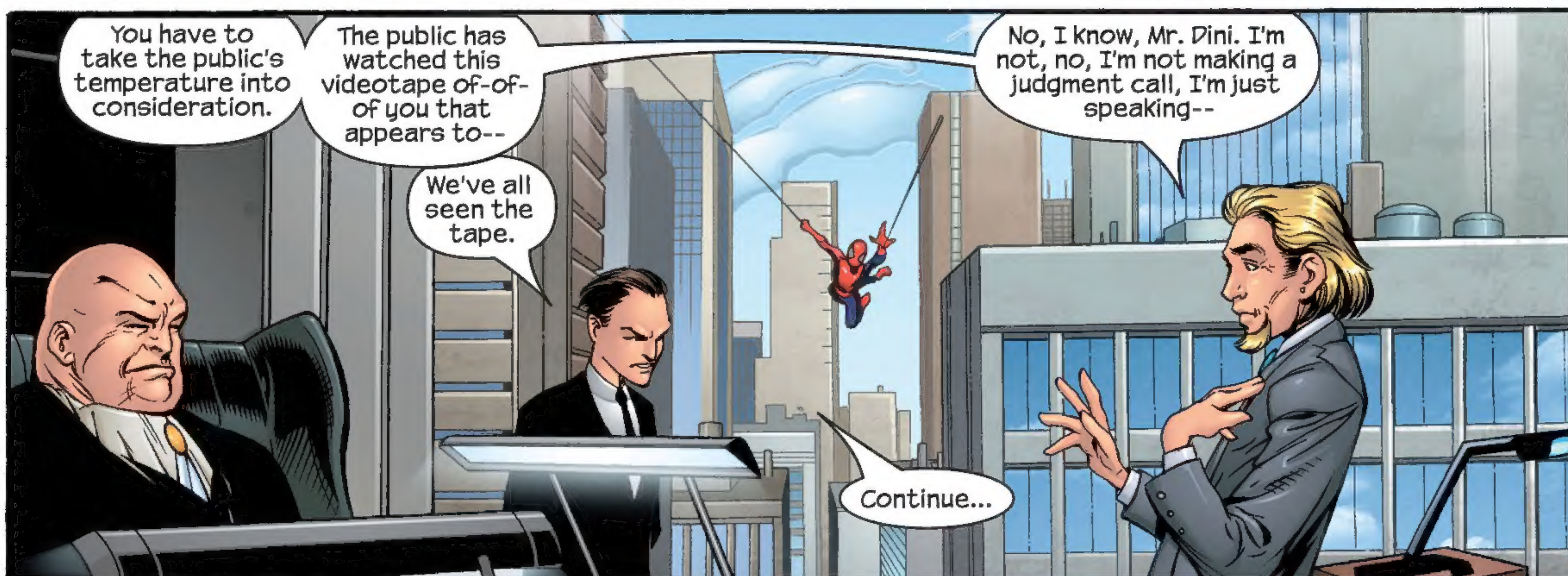
Man, and look
at that!

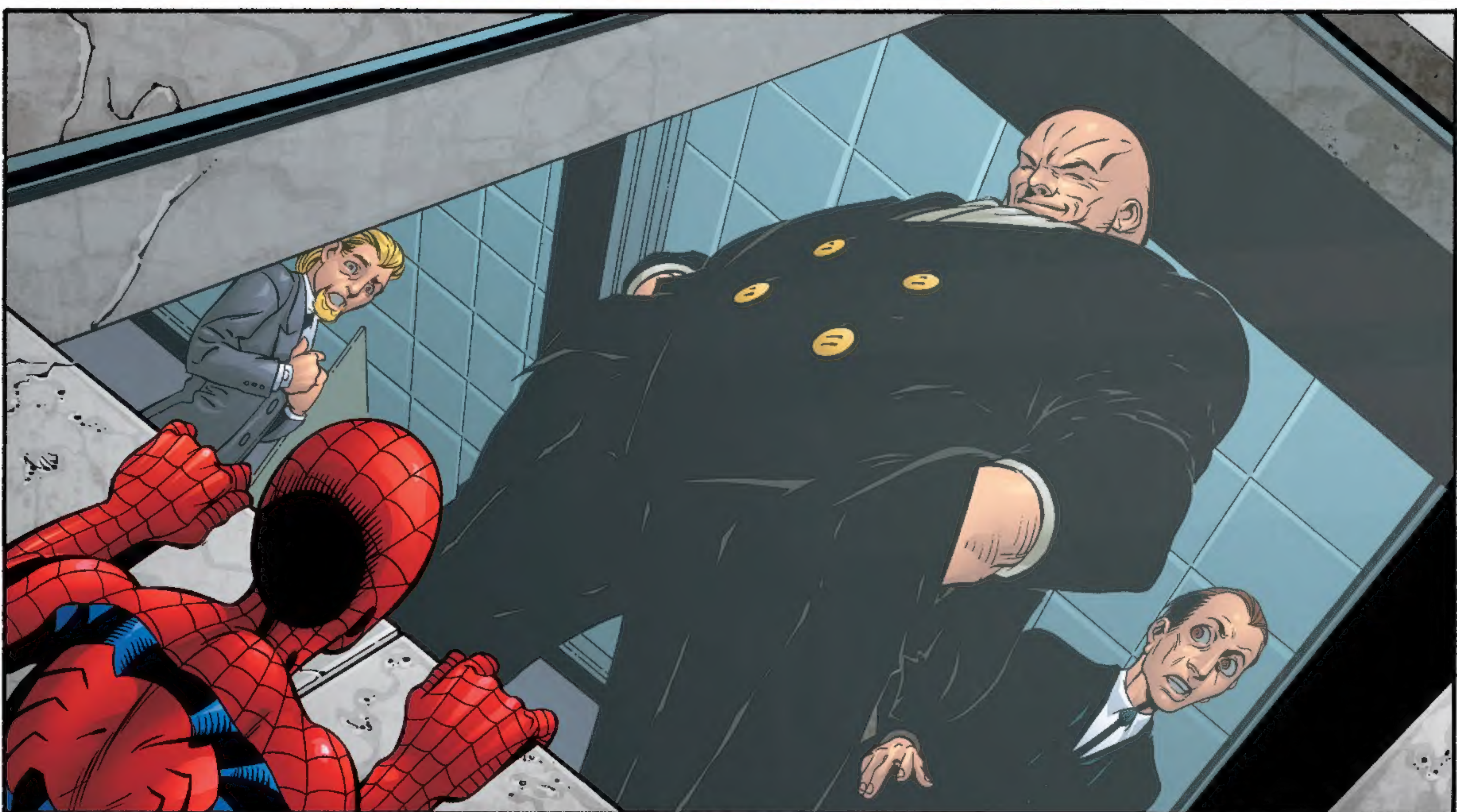
I'm the big piece
of garbage and
this Kingpin's living
high on... the thing
you live high on.

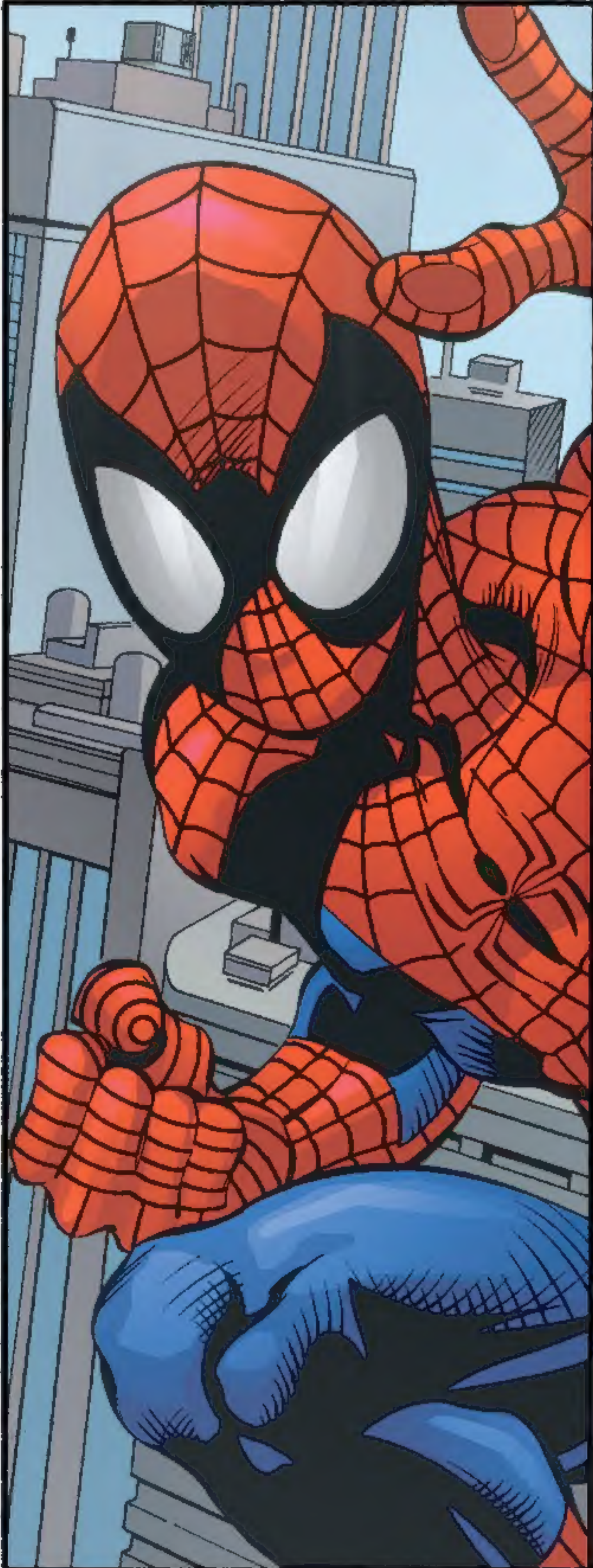
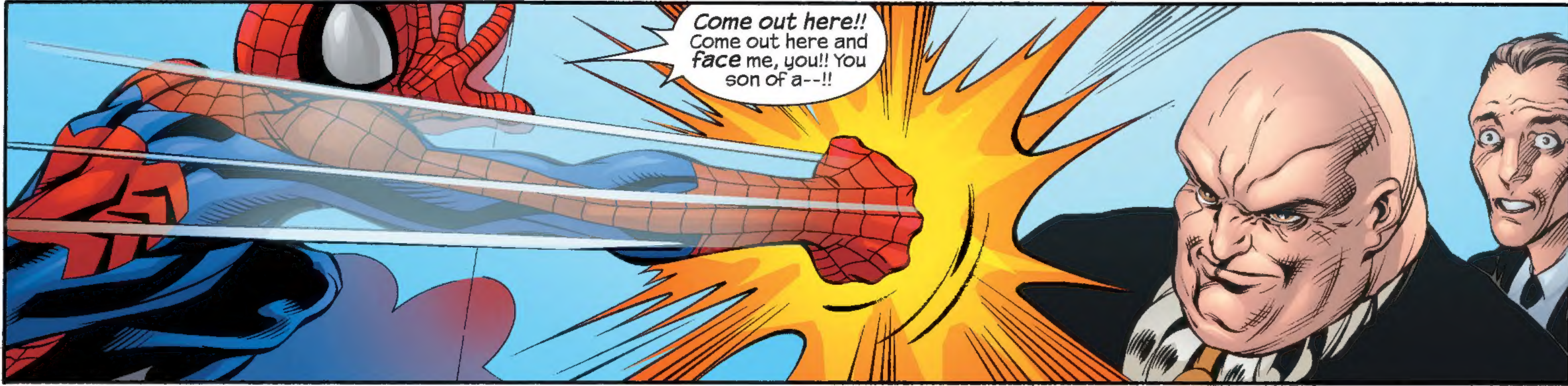
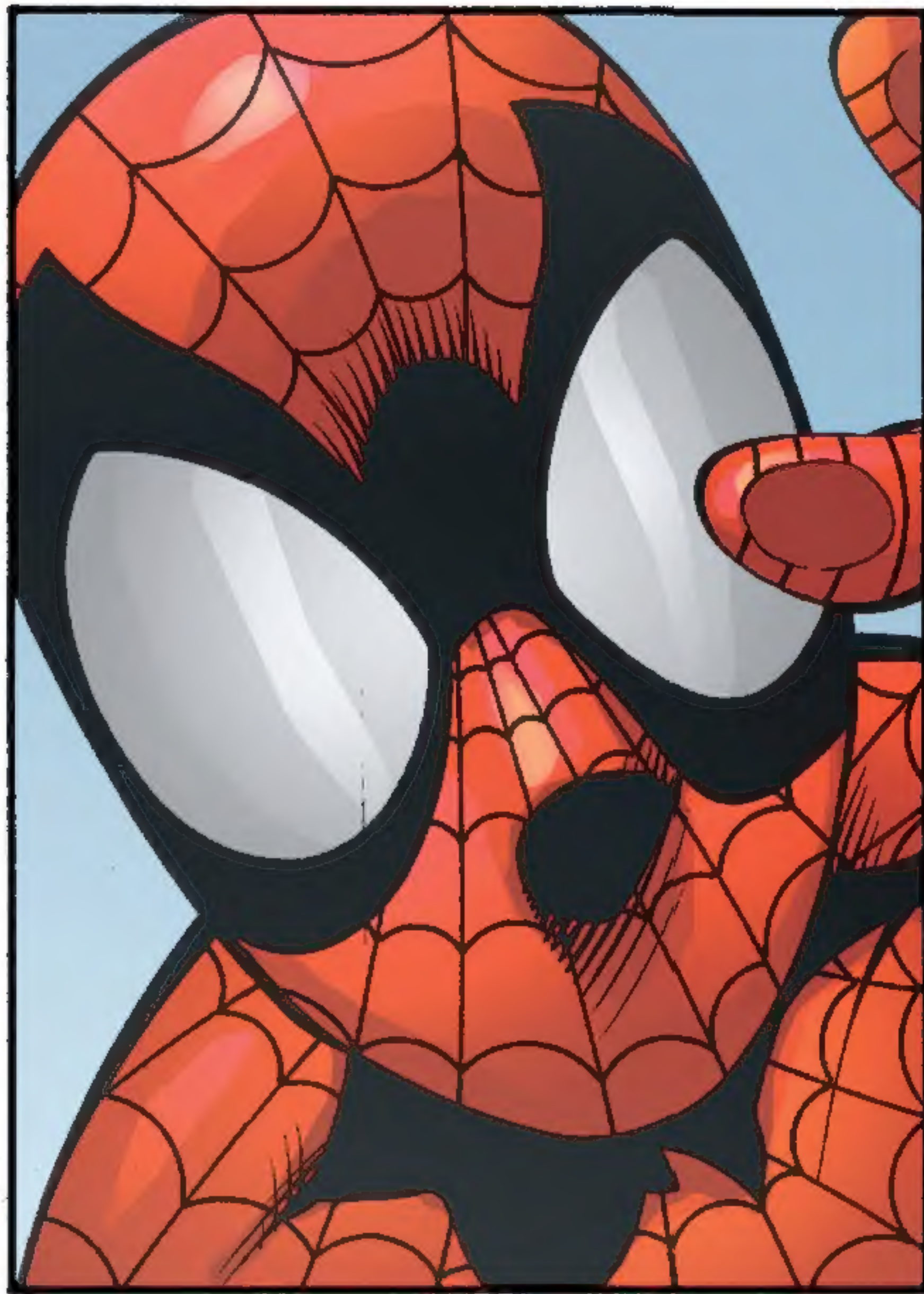
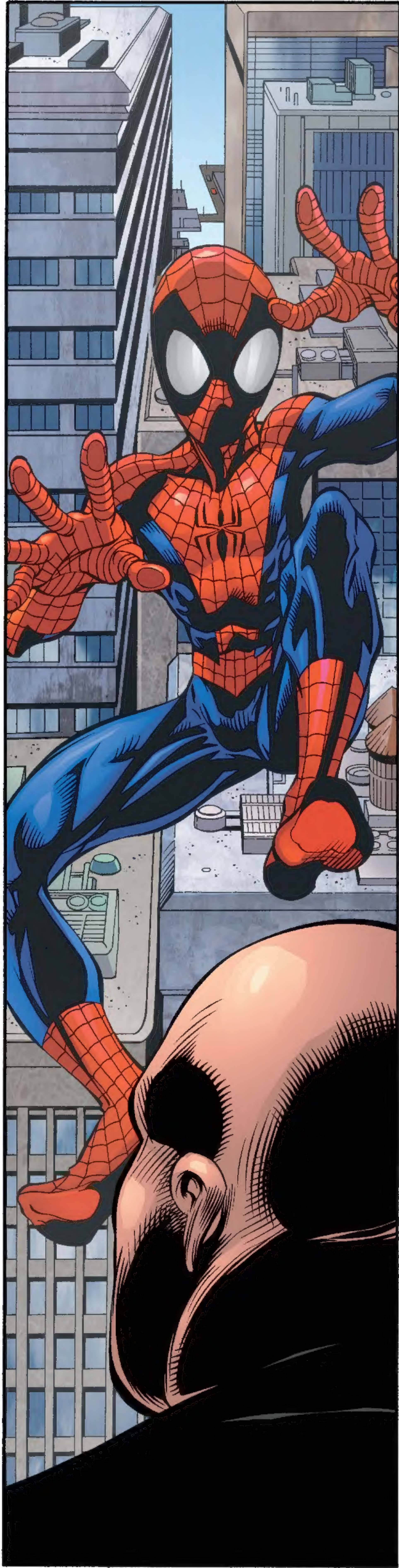


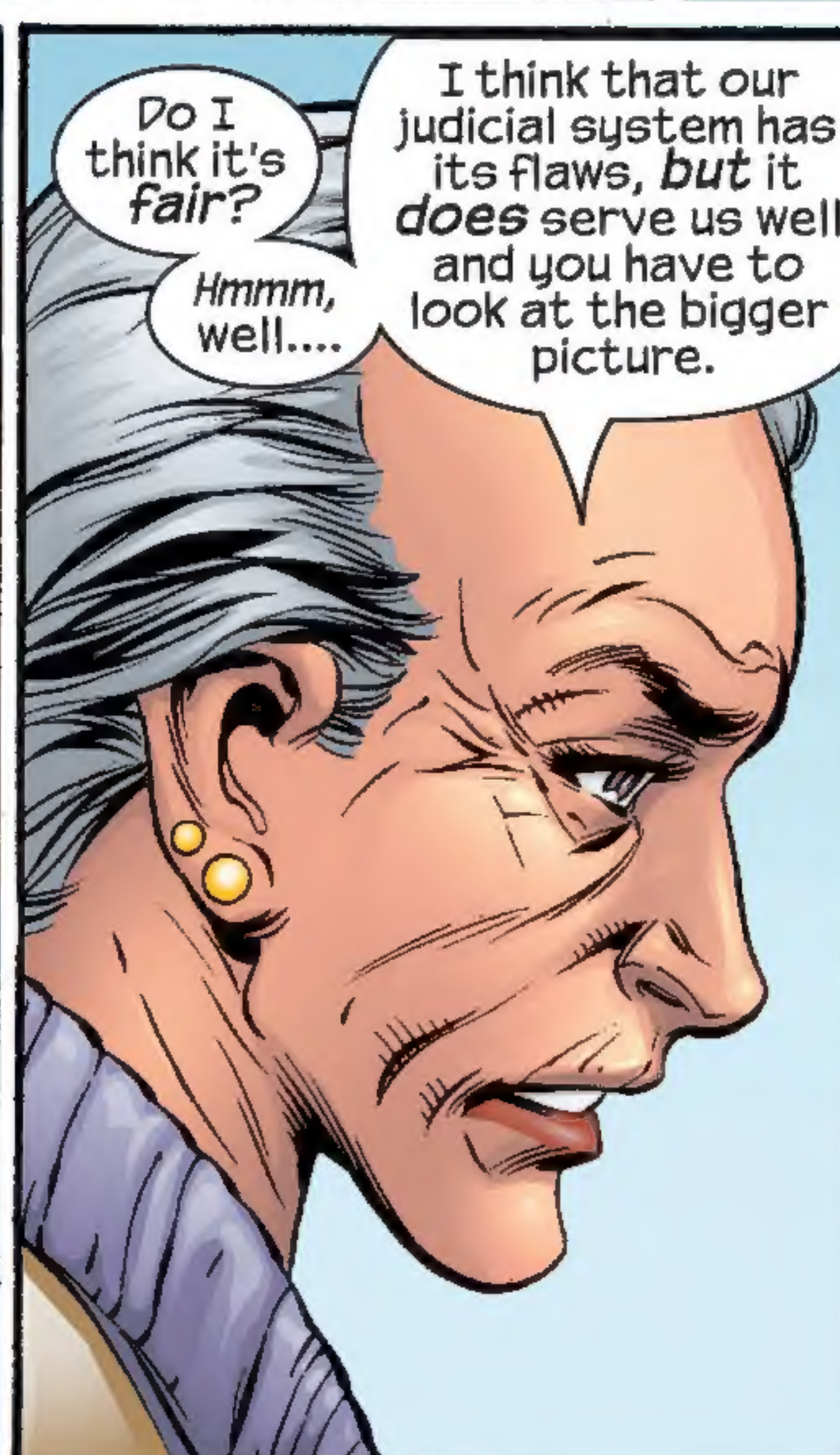
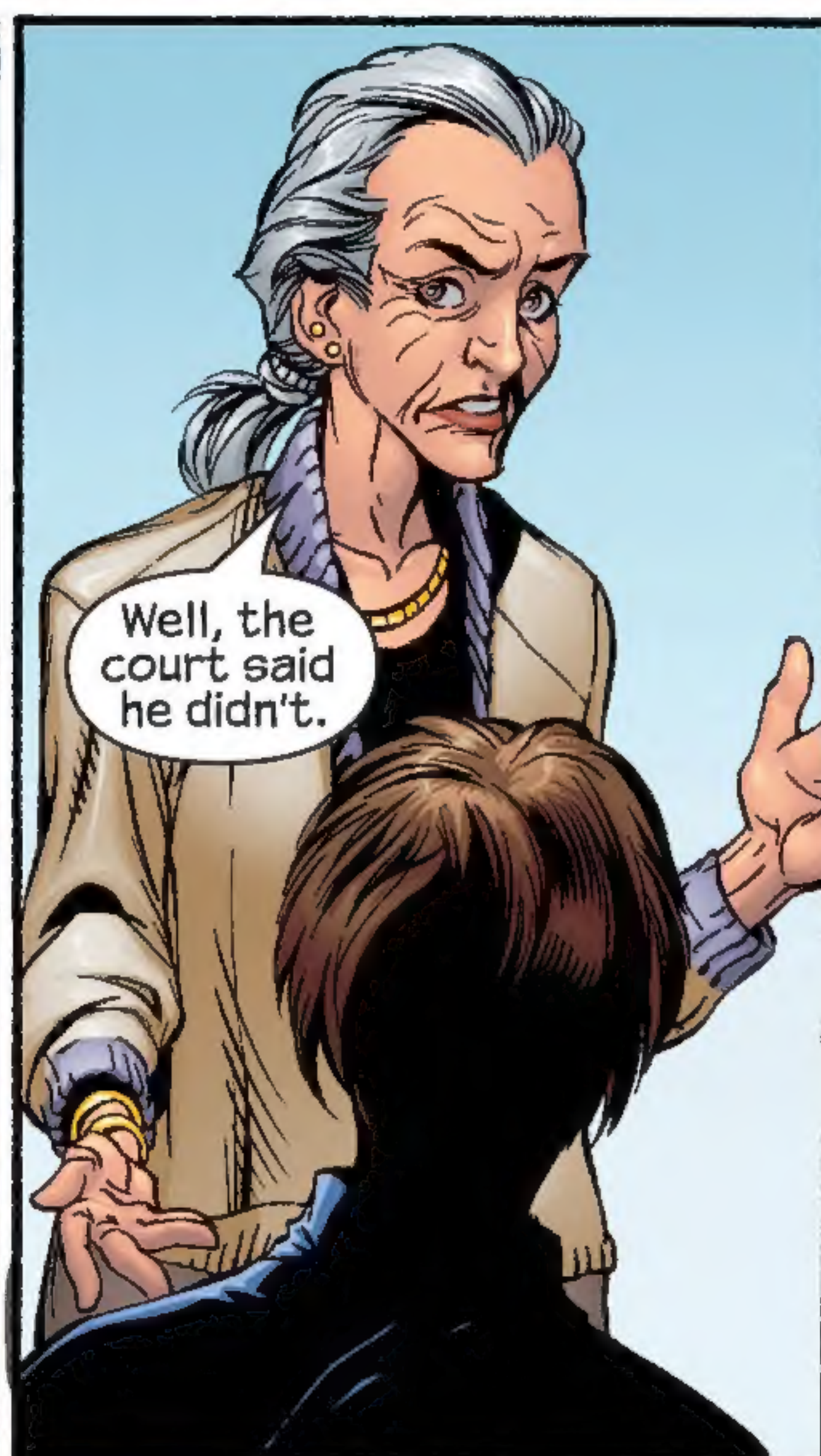
That's
the way it
is?

Hey, if I'm
such a piece
of crap... I might
as well go over
there and act
like one.











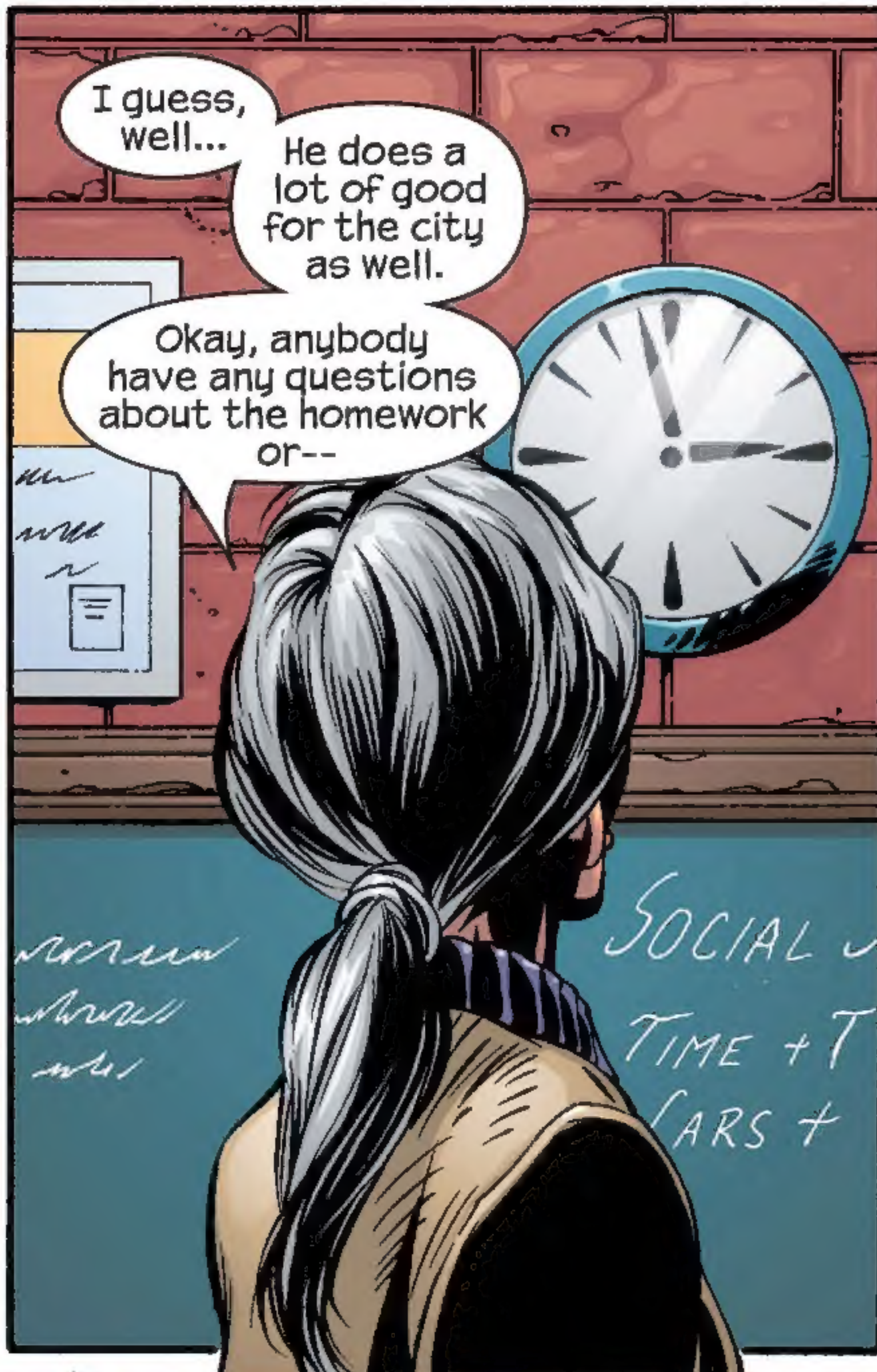
What?



The bigger picture?

A murderer is out free.

What's the bigger picture?



I guess, well...

He does a lot of good for the city as well.

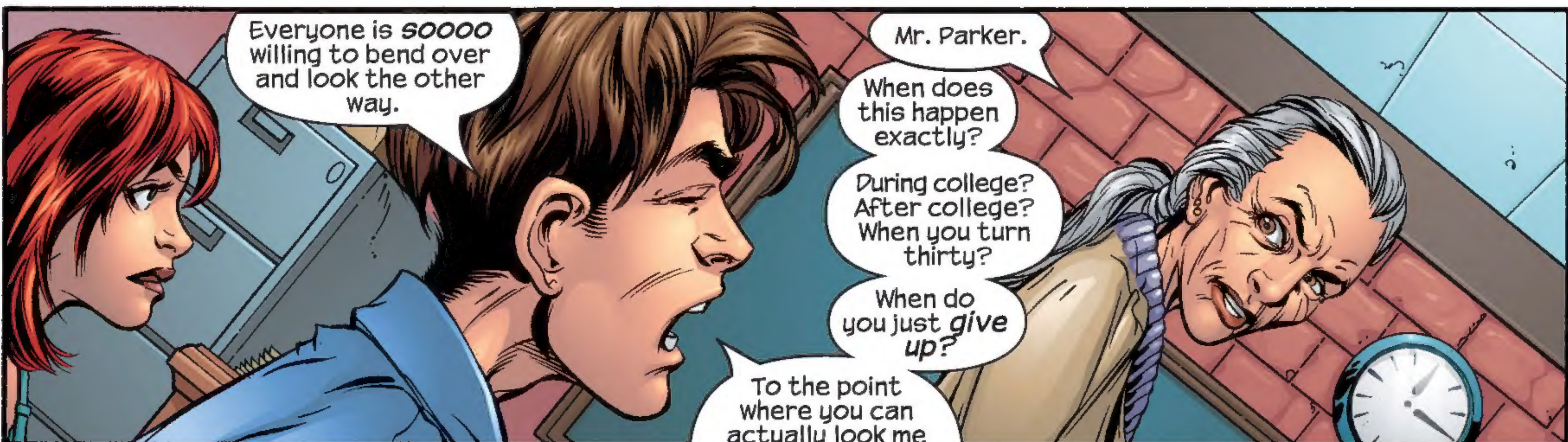
Okay, anybody have any questions about the homework or--

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Oh, that is such a load of crap!

I am so sick of all this-- this compromise.



Everyone is *sooooo* willing to bend over and look the other way.

Mr. Parker.

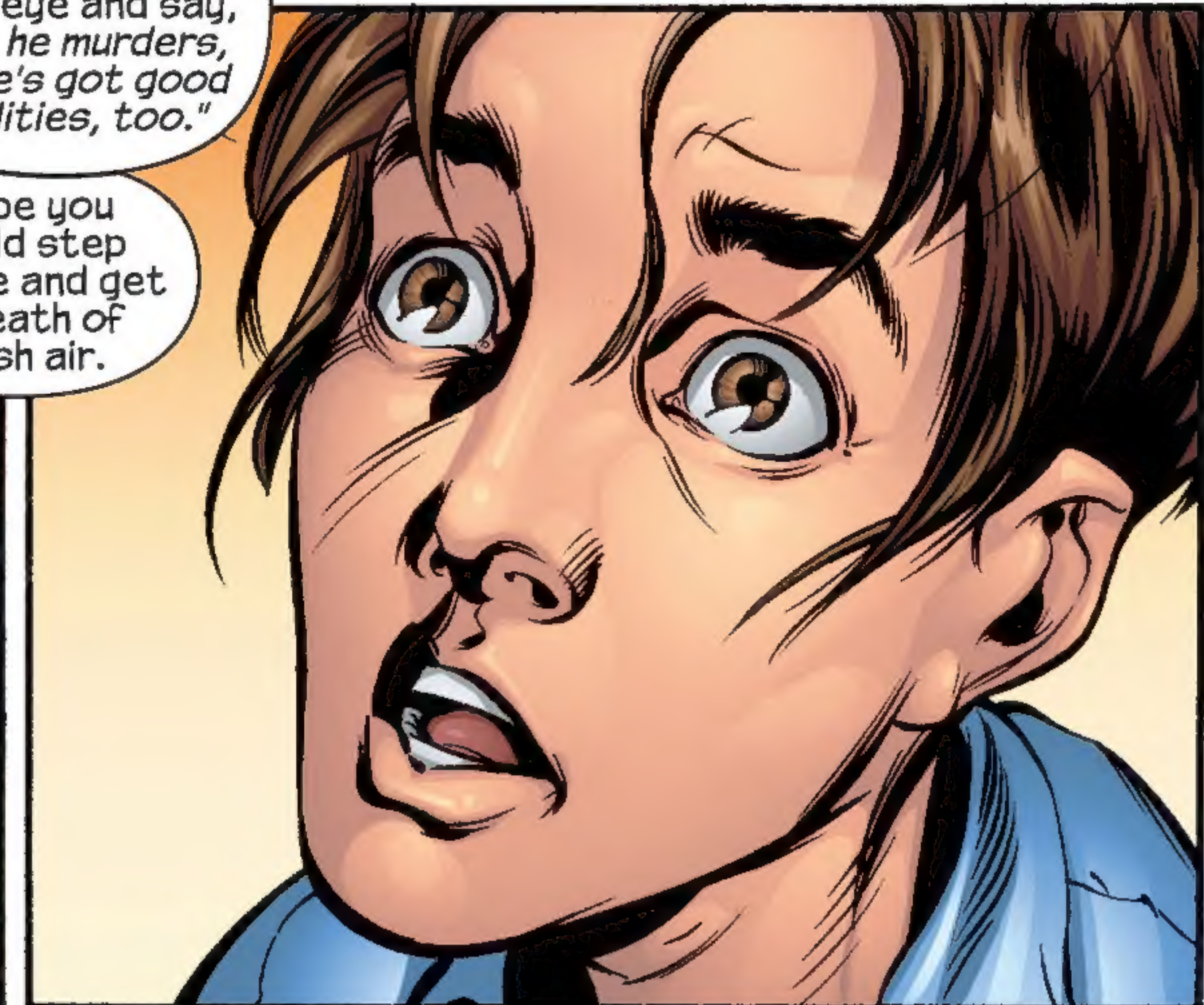
When does this happen exactly?

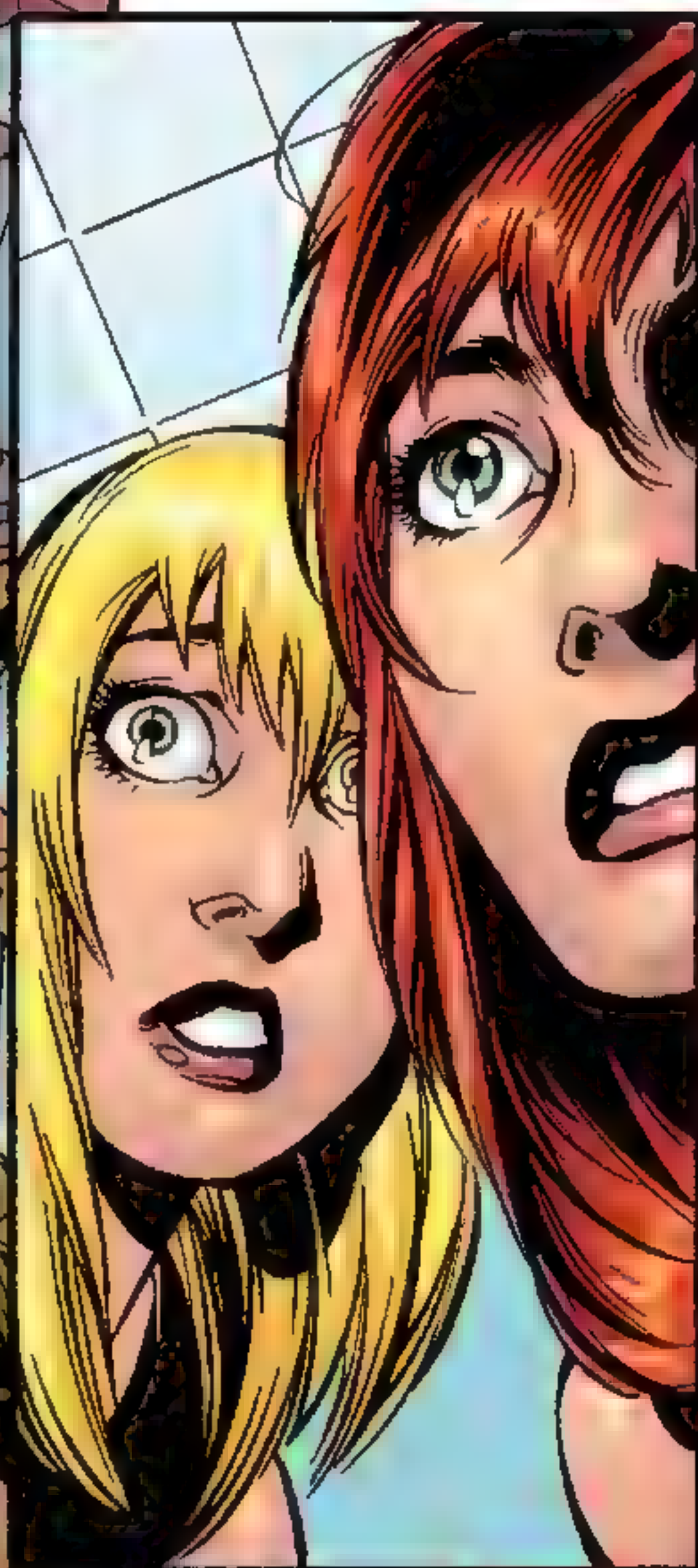
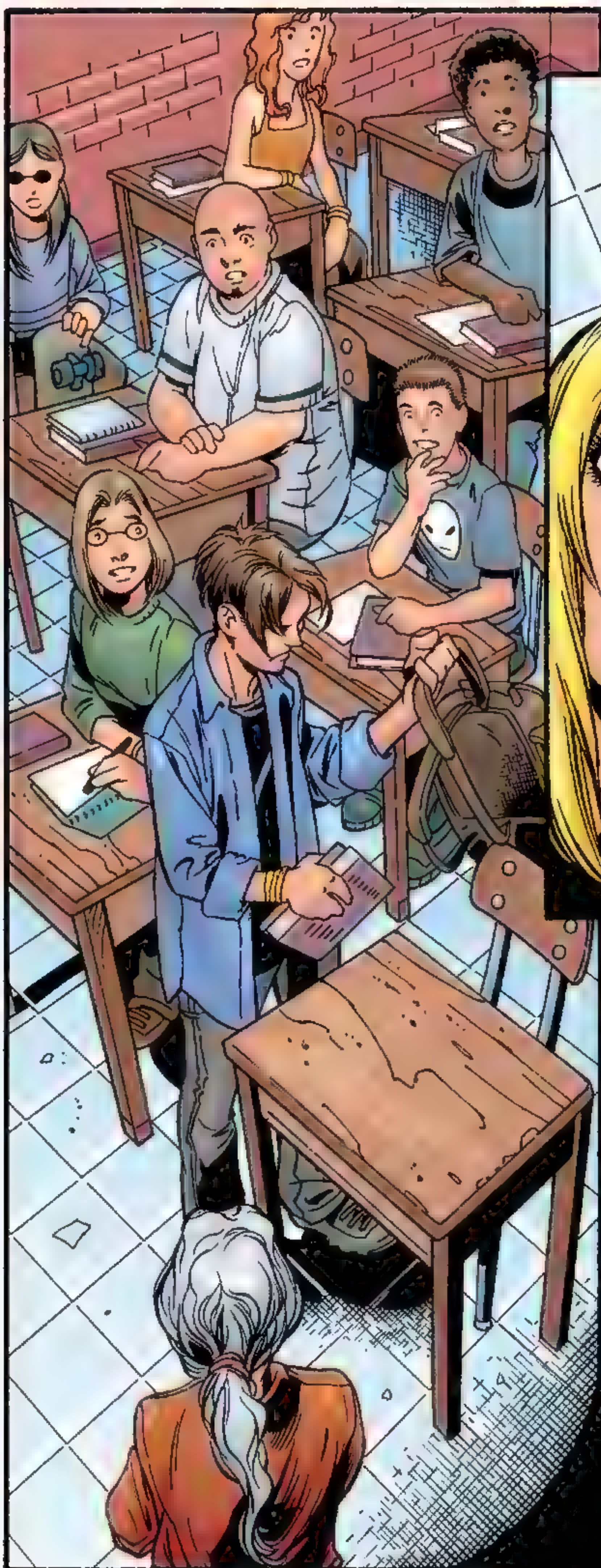
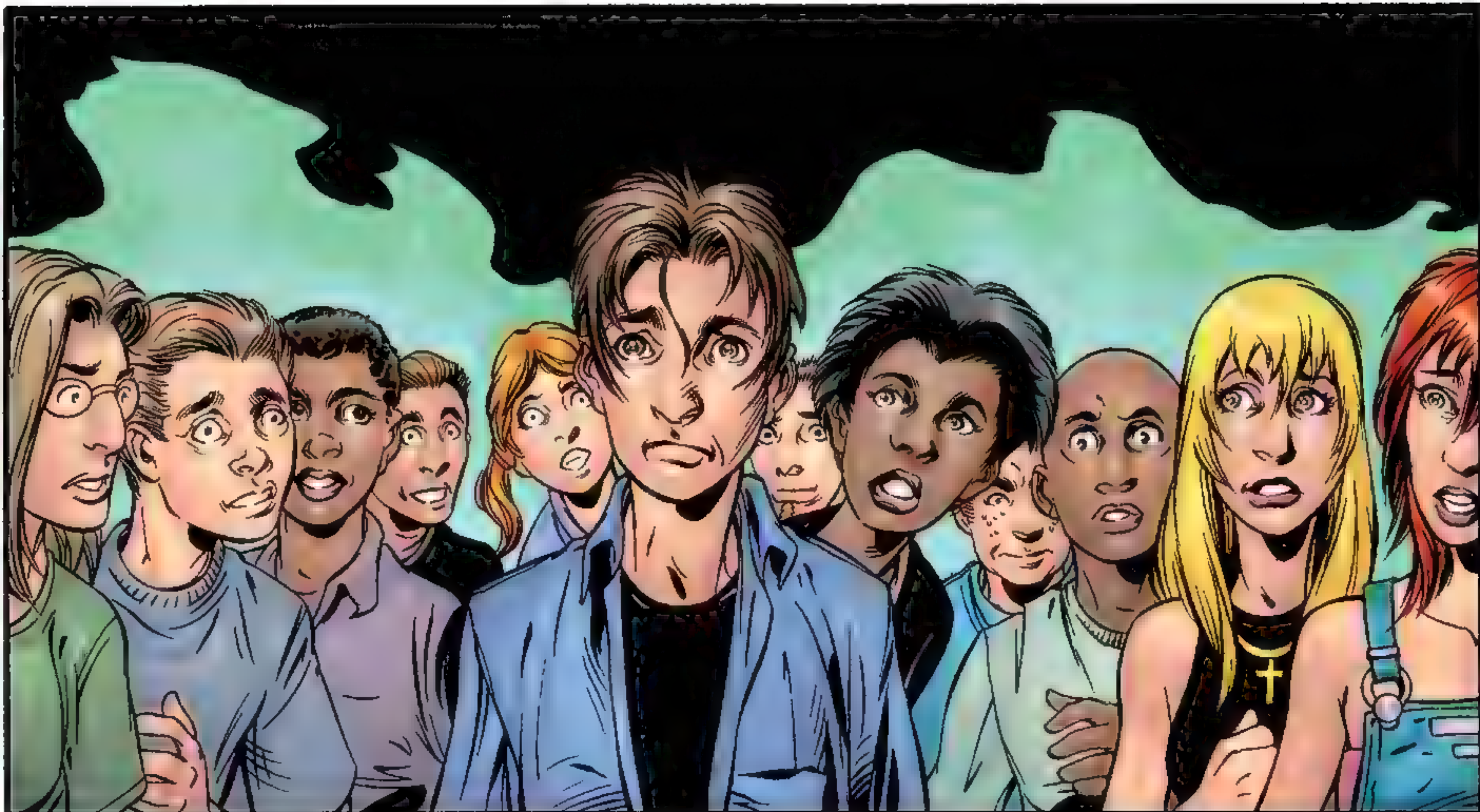
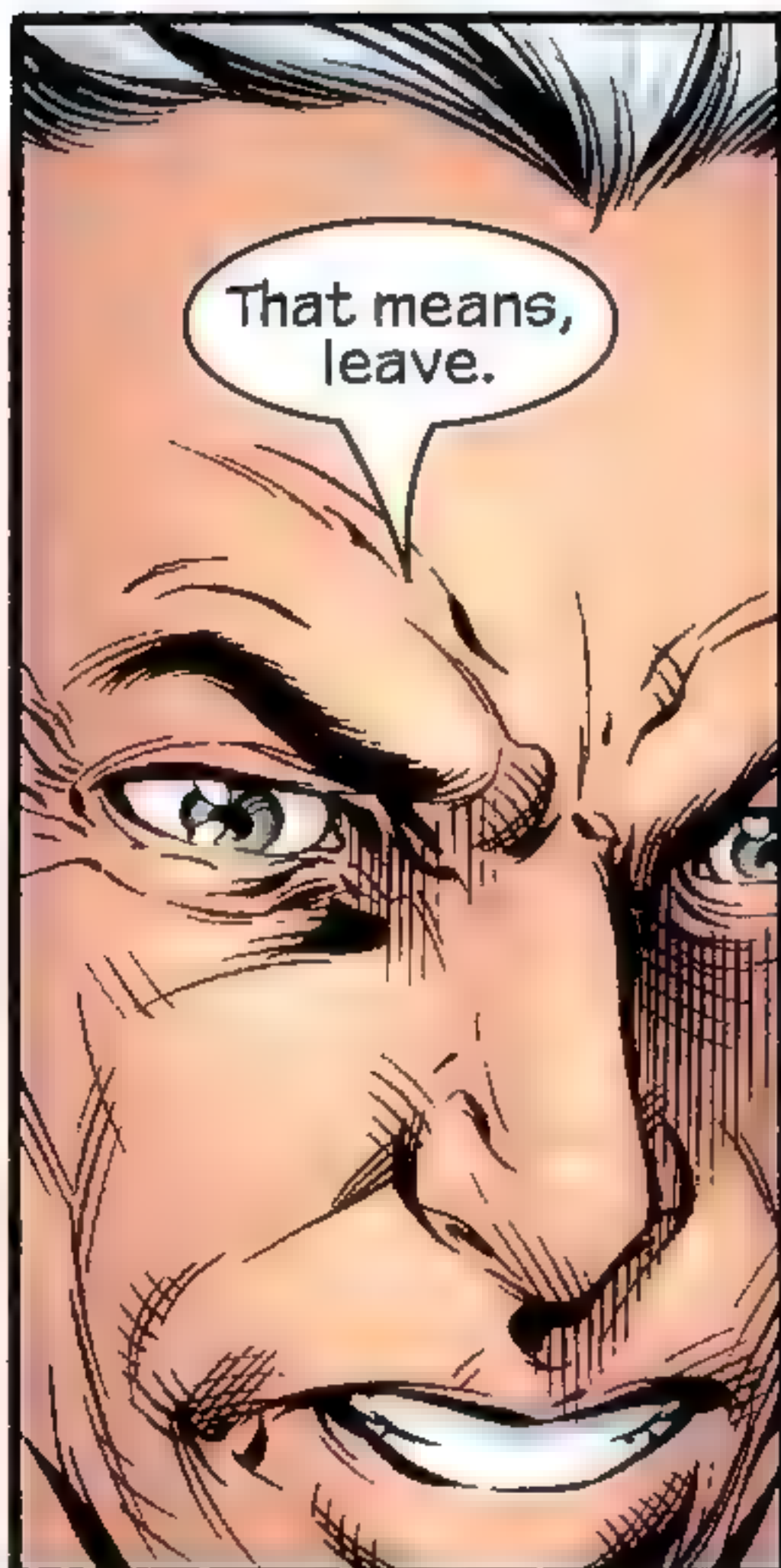
During college?
After college?
When you turn thirty?

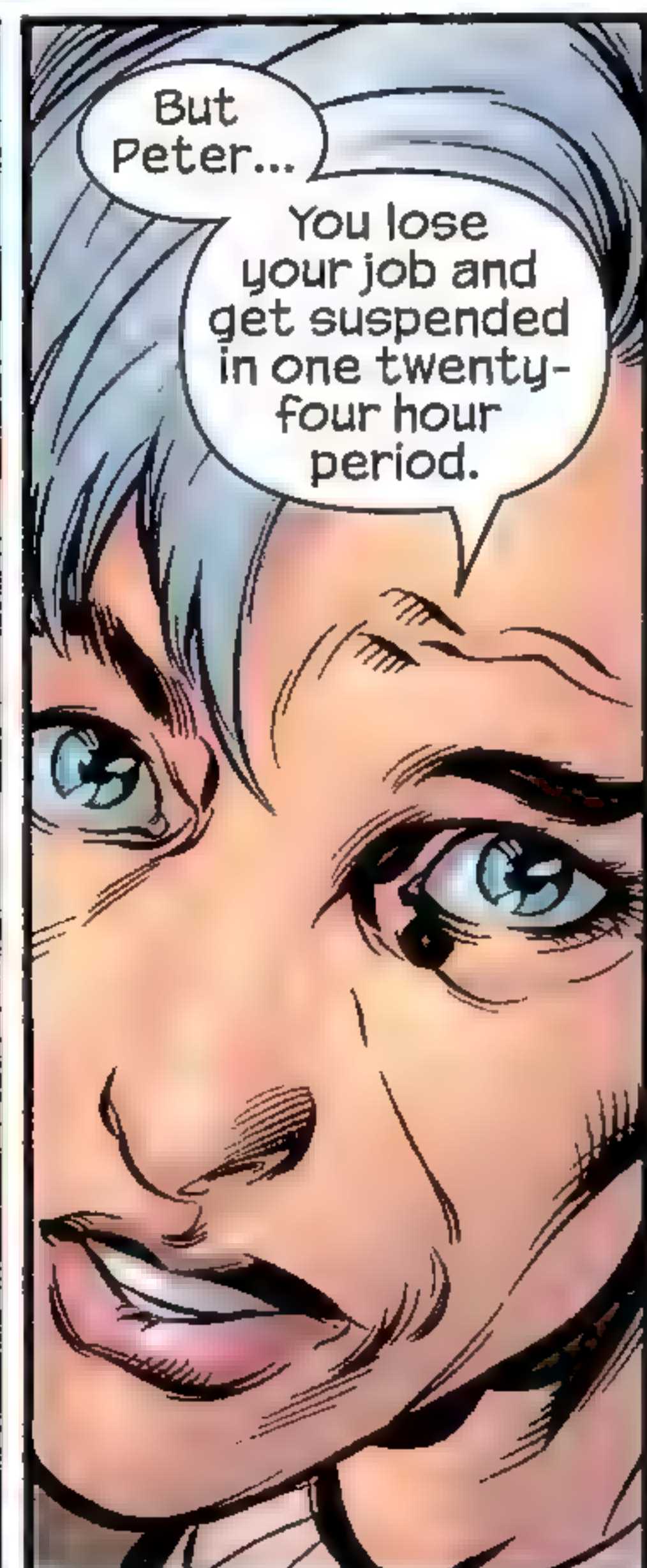
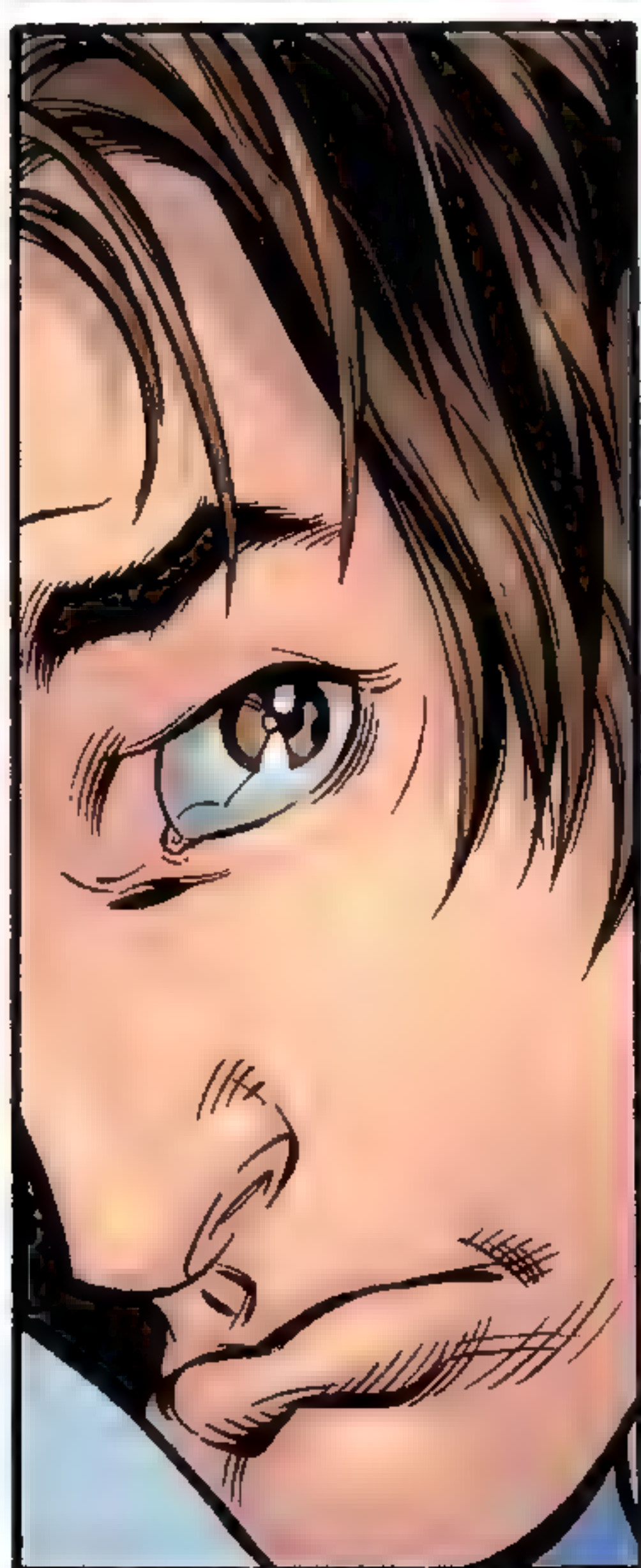
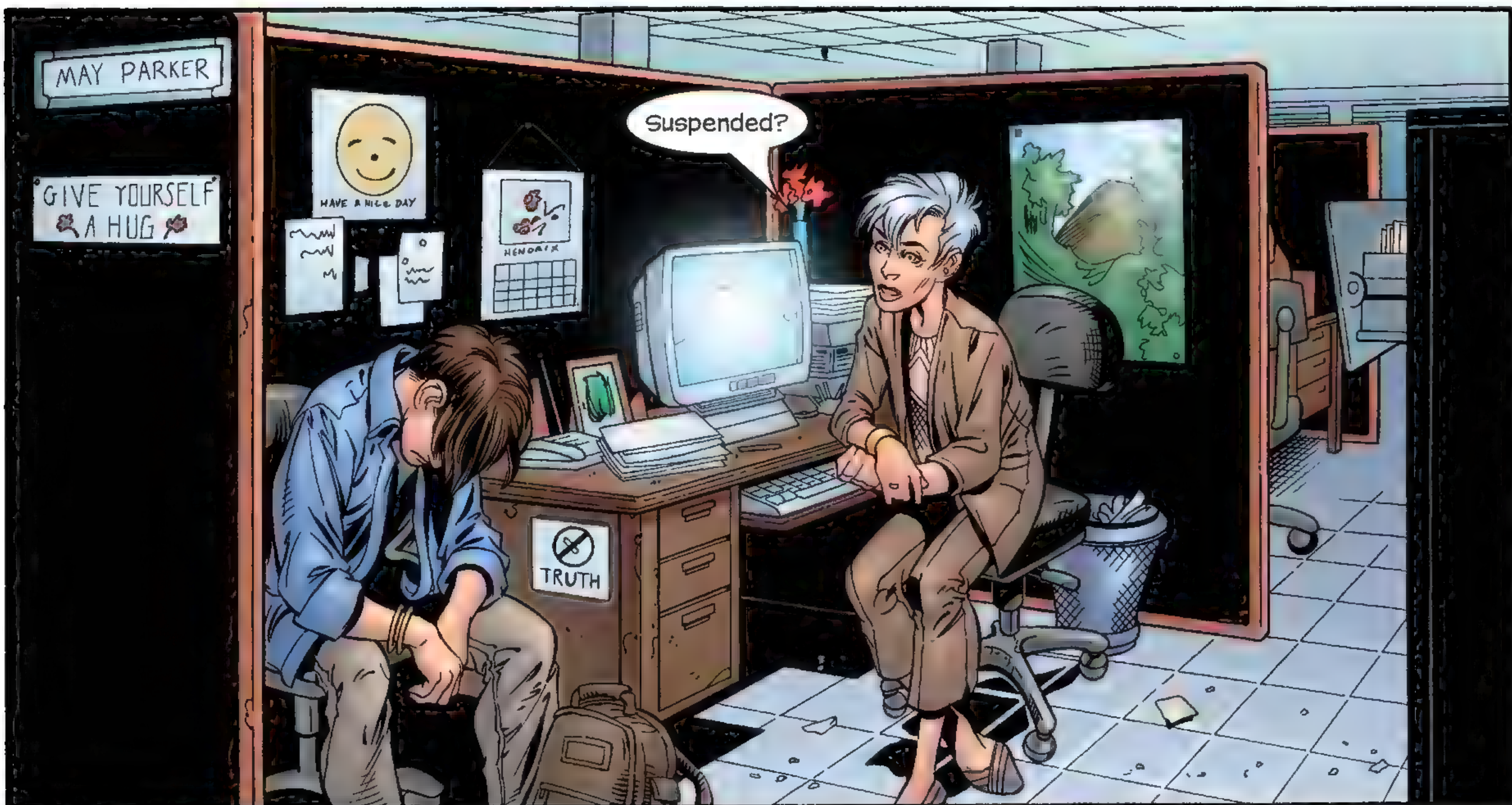
When do you just *give up*?

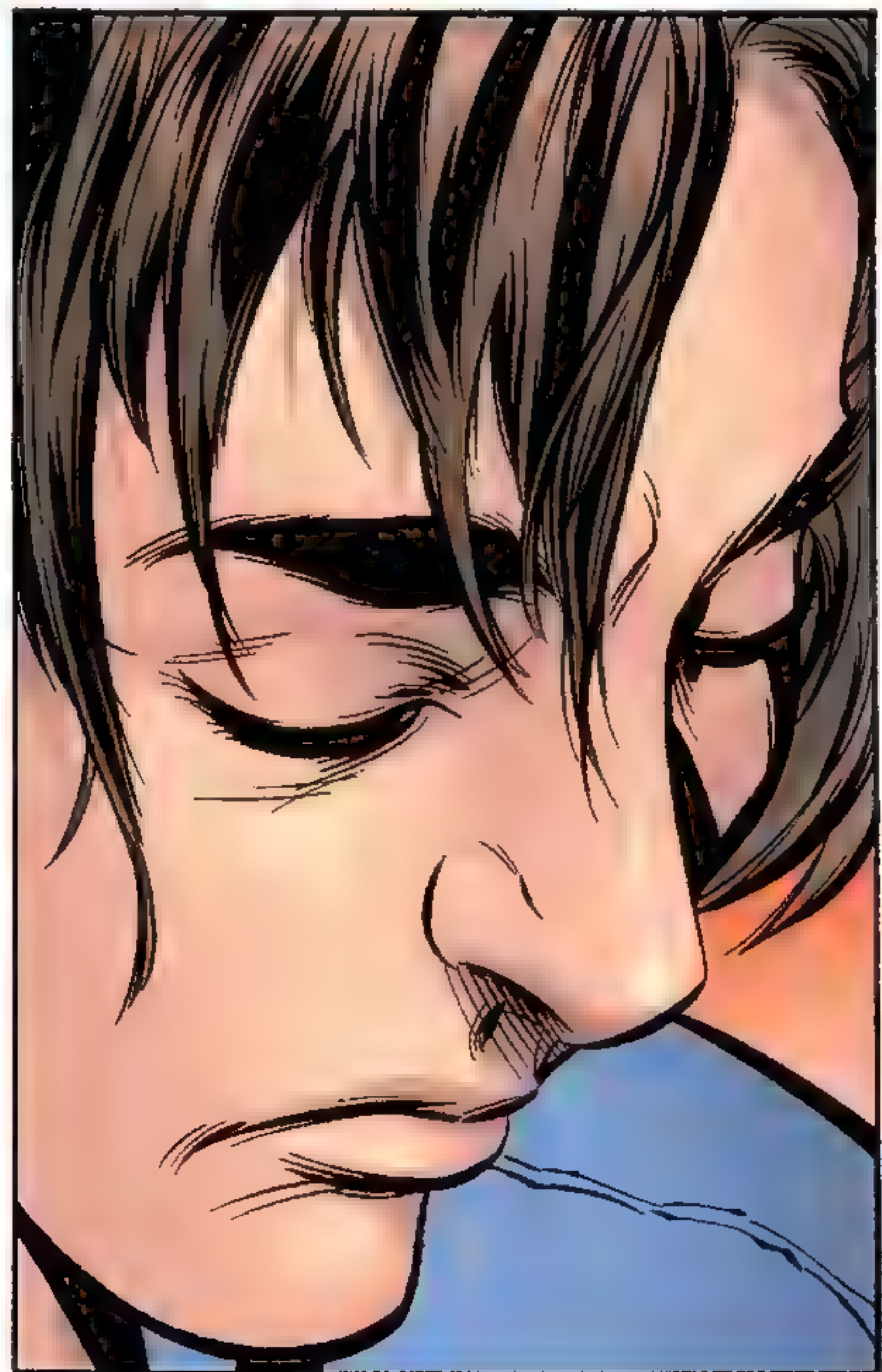
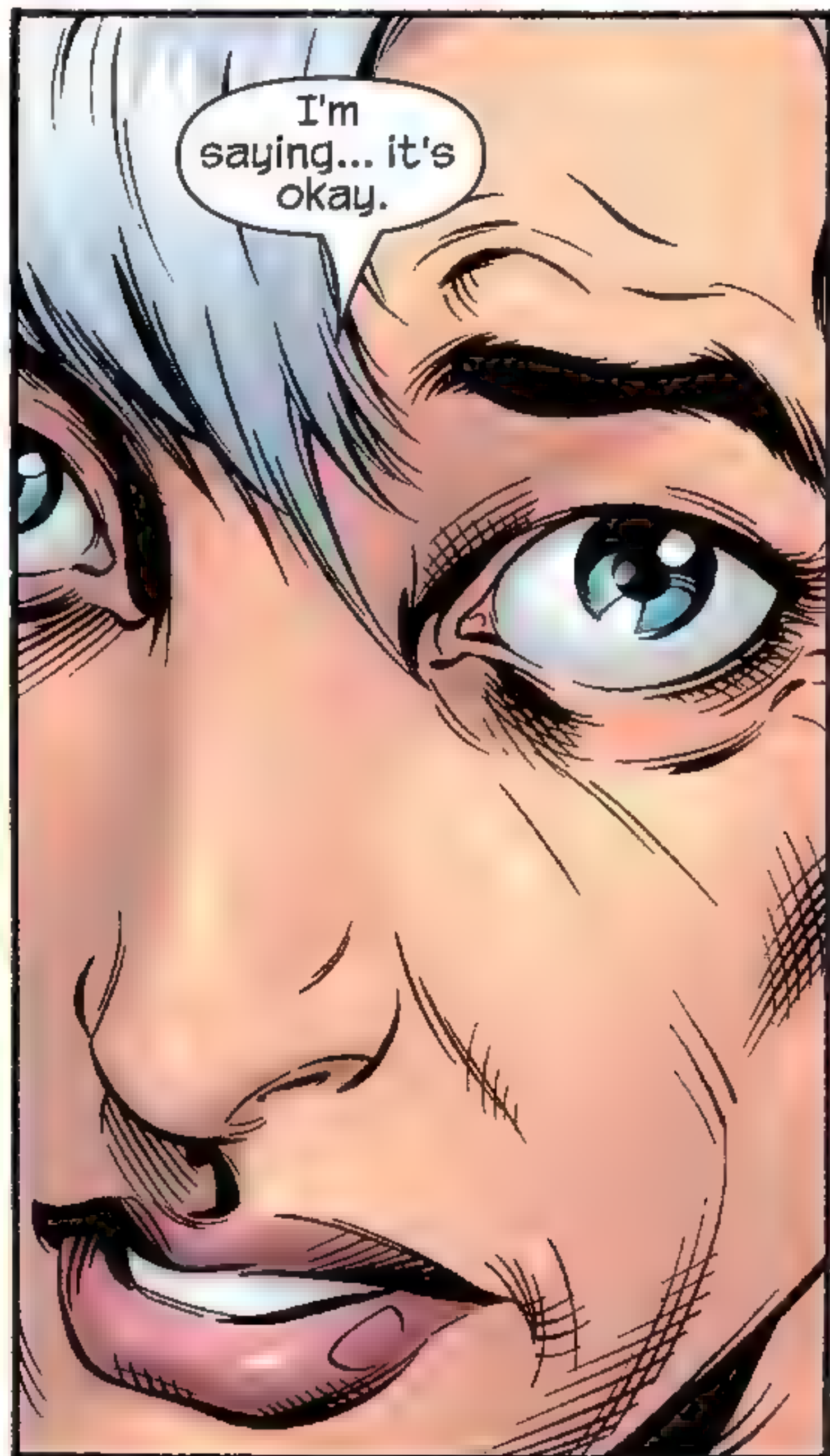
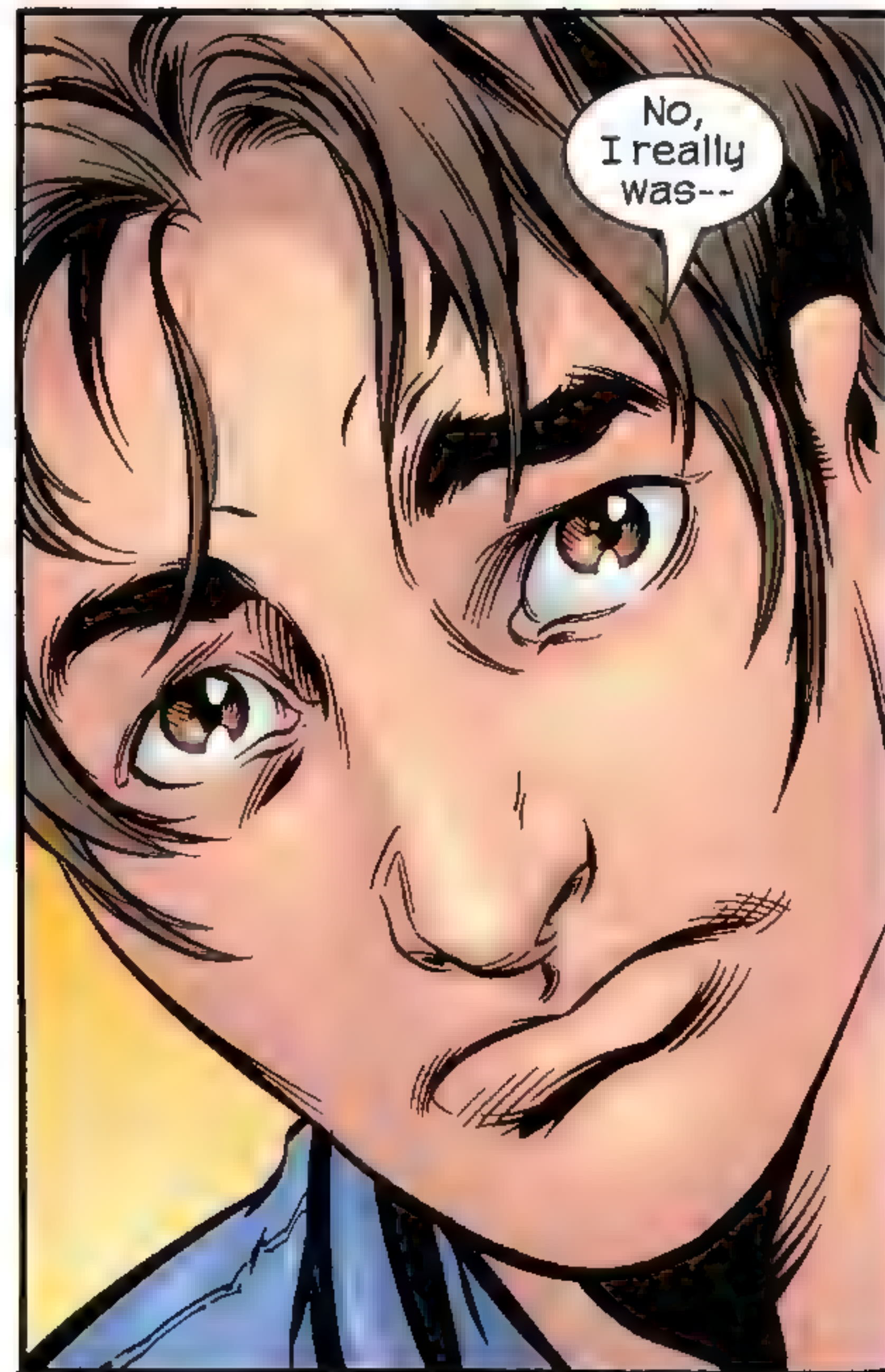
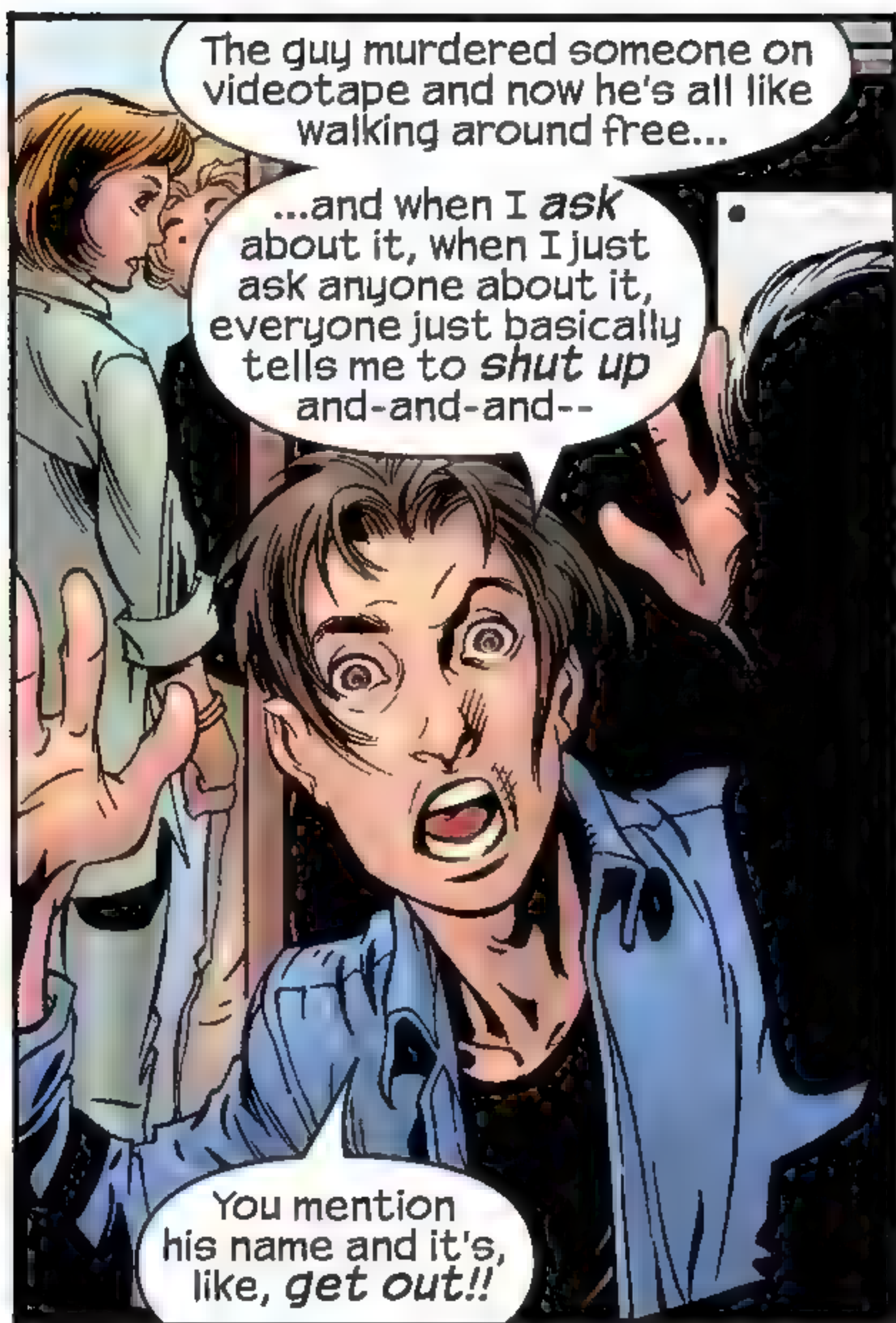
To the point where you can actually look me in the eye and say, "Sure he murders, but he's got good qualities, too."

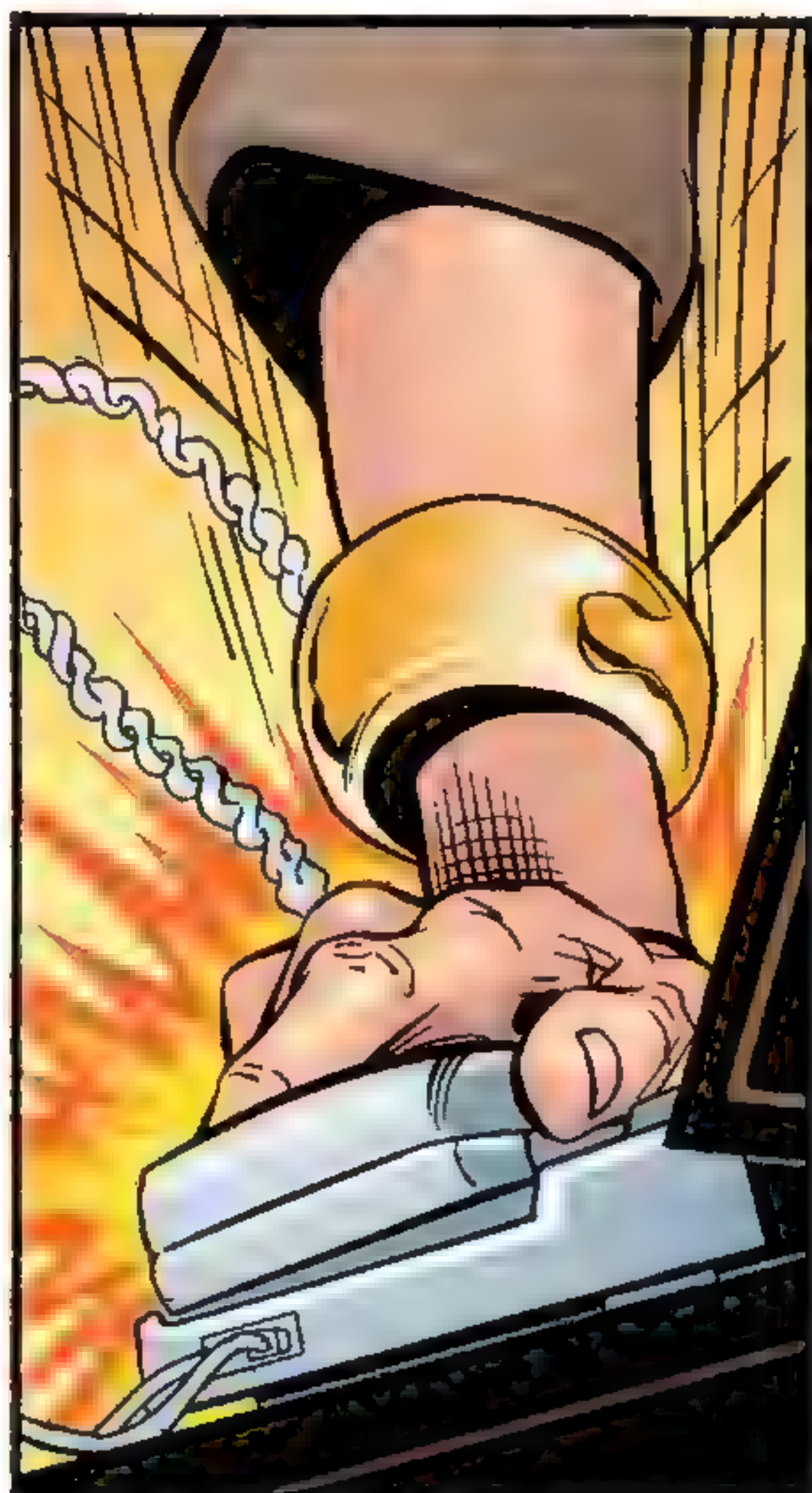
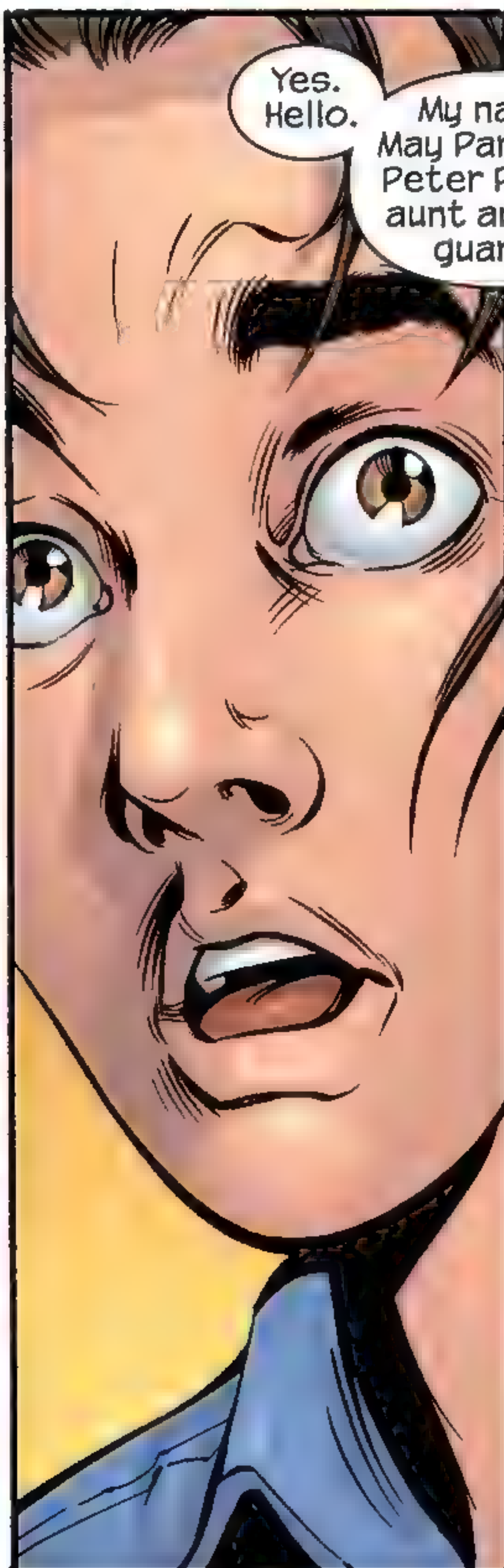
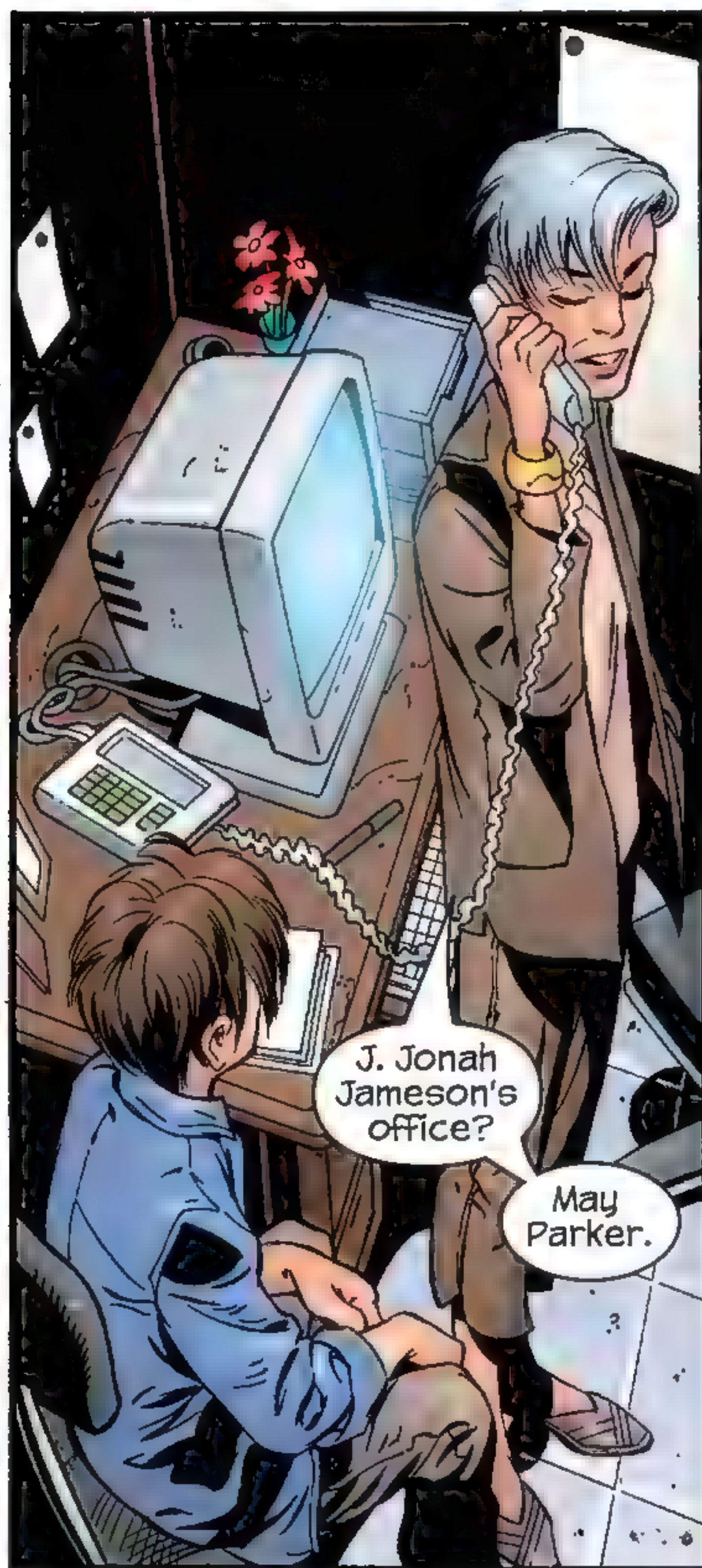
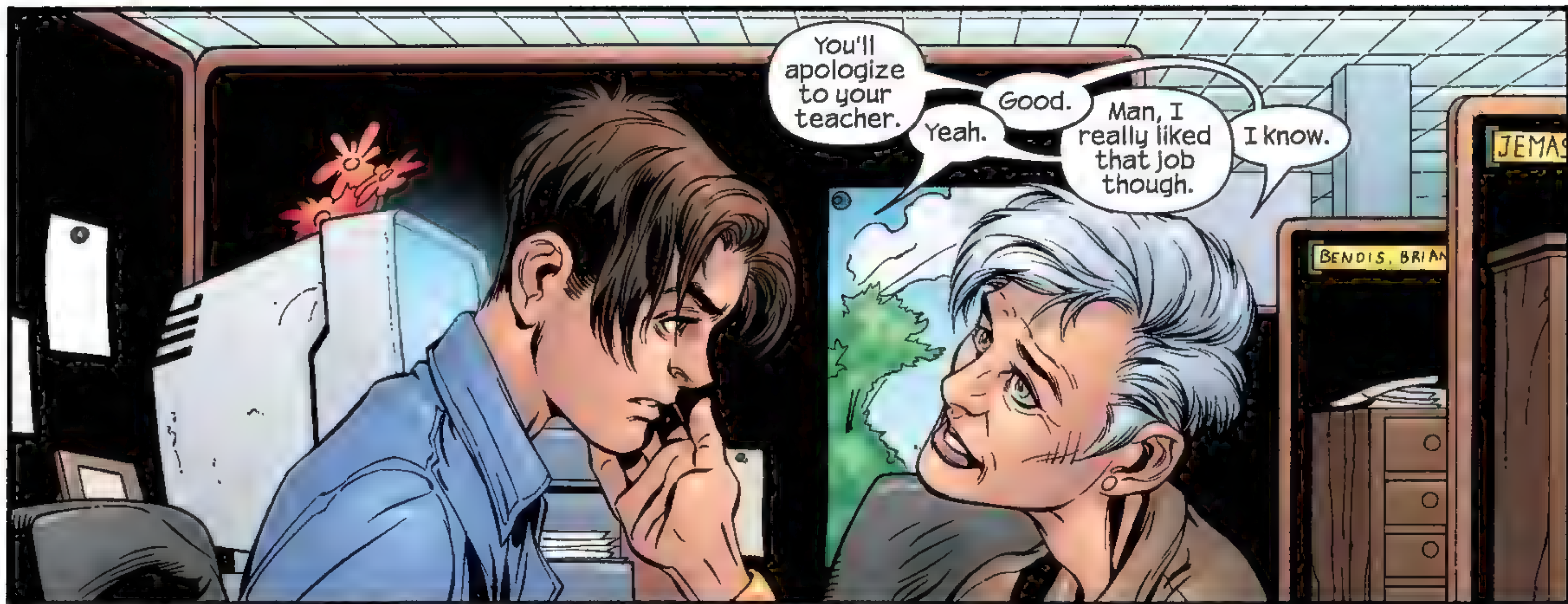
Maybe you should step outside and get a breath of fresh air.

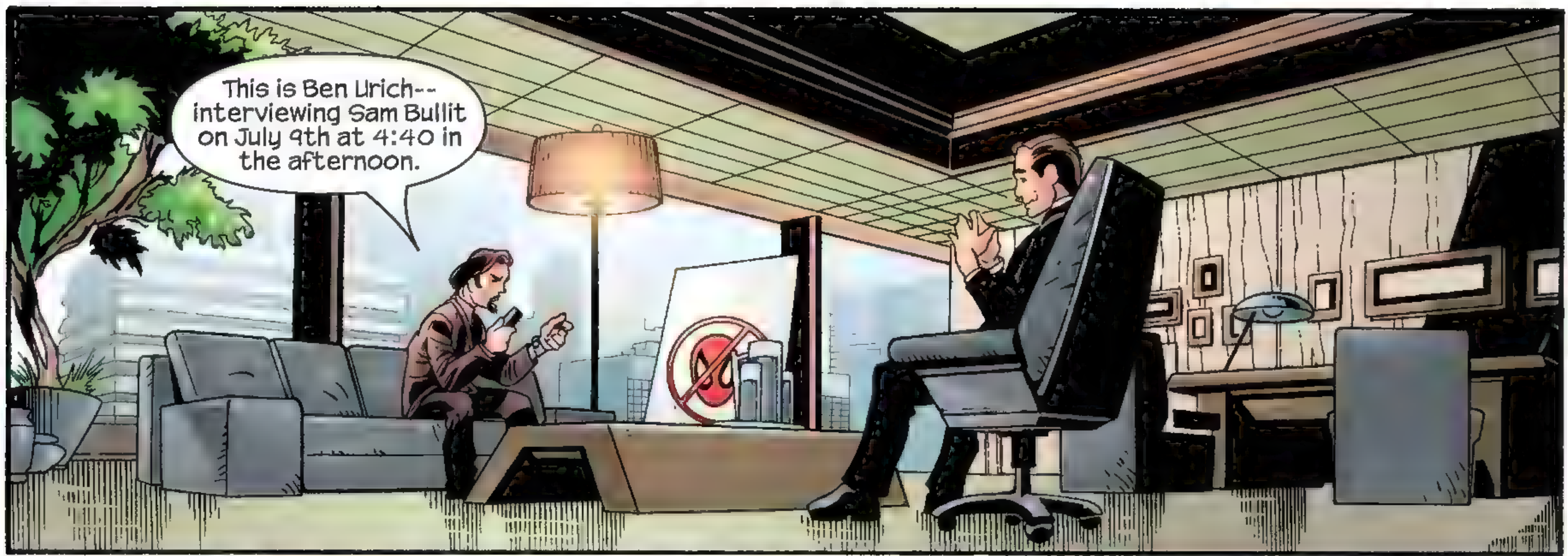




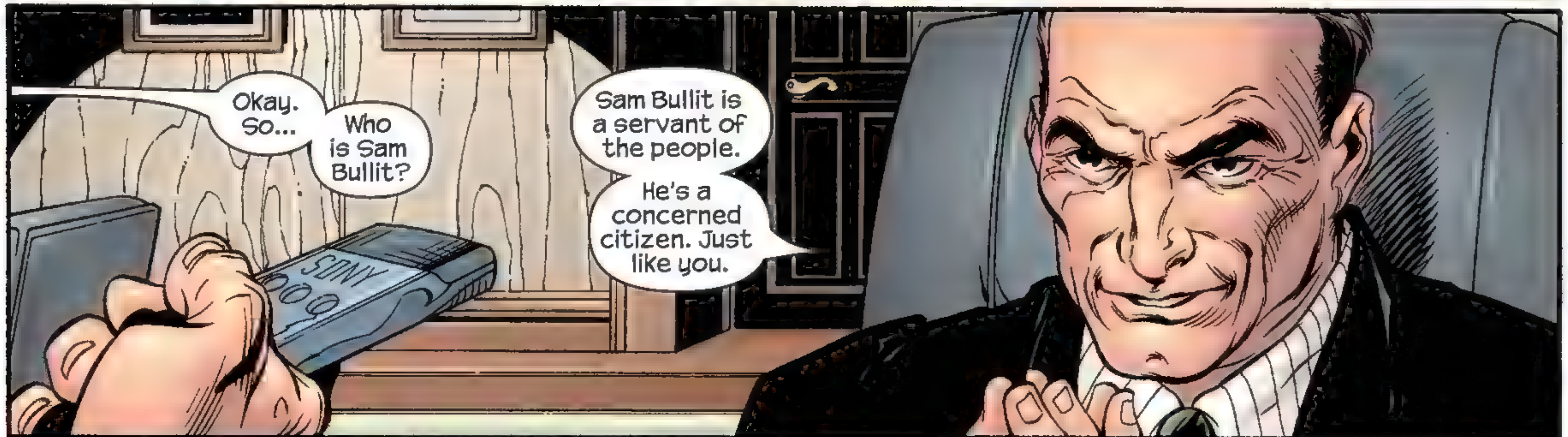








This is Ben Urich--
interviewing Sam Bullit
on July 9th at 4:40 in
the afternoon.

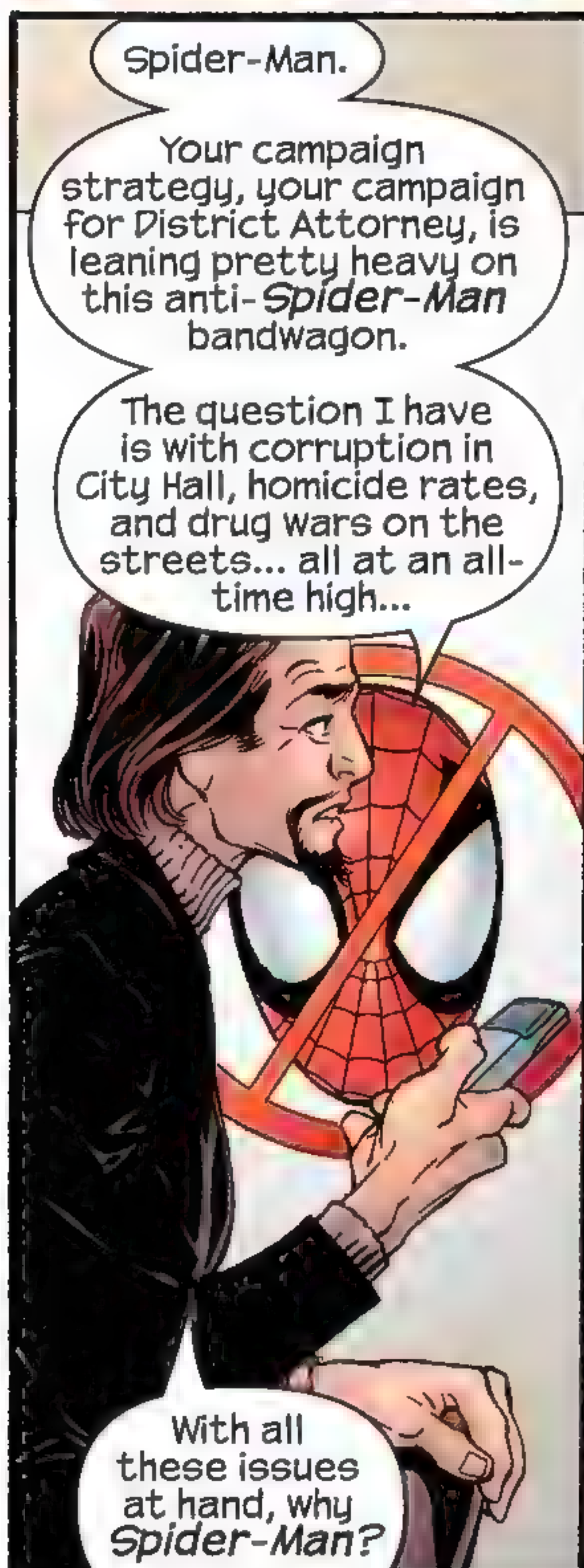


Okay.
So...

Who
is Sam
Bullit?

Sam Bullit is
a servant of
the people.

He's a
concerned
citizen. Just
like you.



Spider-Man.

Your campaign
strategy, your campaign
for District Attorney, is
leaning pretty heavy on
this anti-*Spider-Man*
bandwagon.

The question I have
is with corruption in
City Hall, homicide rates,
and drug wars on the
streets... all at an all-
time high...

With all
these issues
at hand, why
Spider-Man?



It's not just
Spider-Man.

Spider-Man
is a *symbol*.



A symbol
for what?



People need to know that
they are not *victims*.

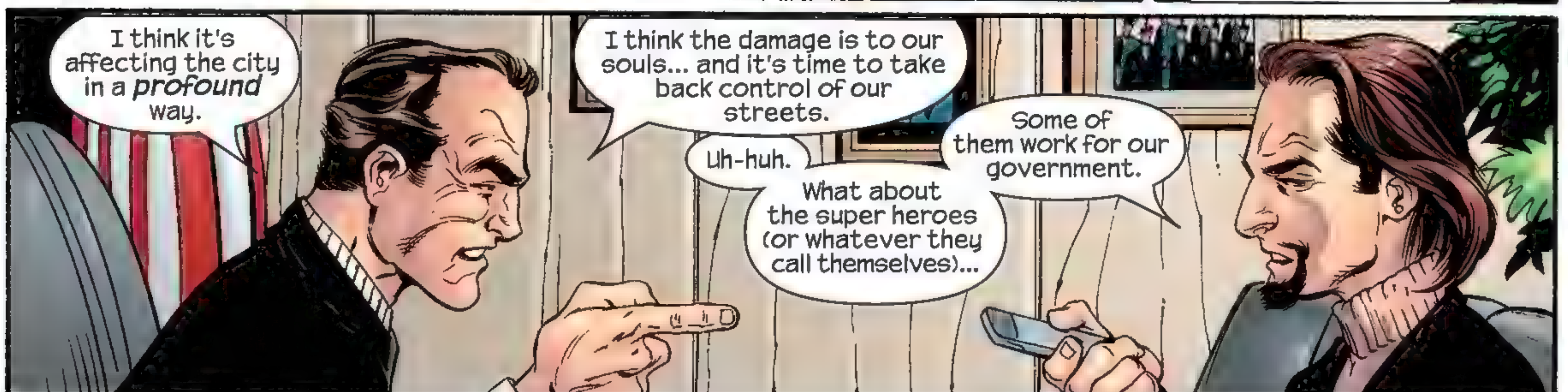
They *need* to know they
can leave their house without
falling victim to some random
violence that people like this
Spider-Man inflict on
our lives.

Mystery men, masked men,
running around our city
fighting with police, fighting
with each other...

...innocent
people getting
caught in the
crossfire.

I'm not
going to
tolerate
it.

None of
us should have to
tolerate it anymore.



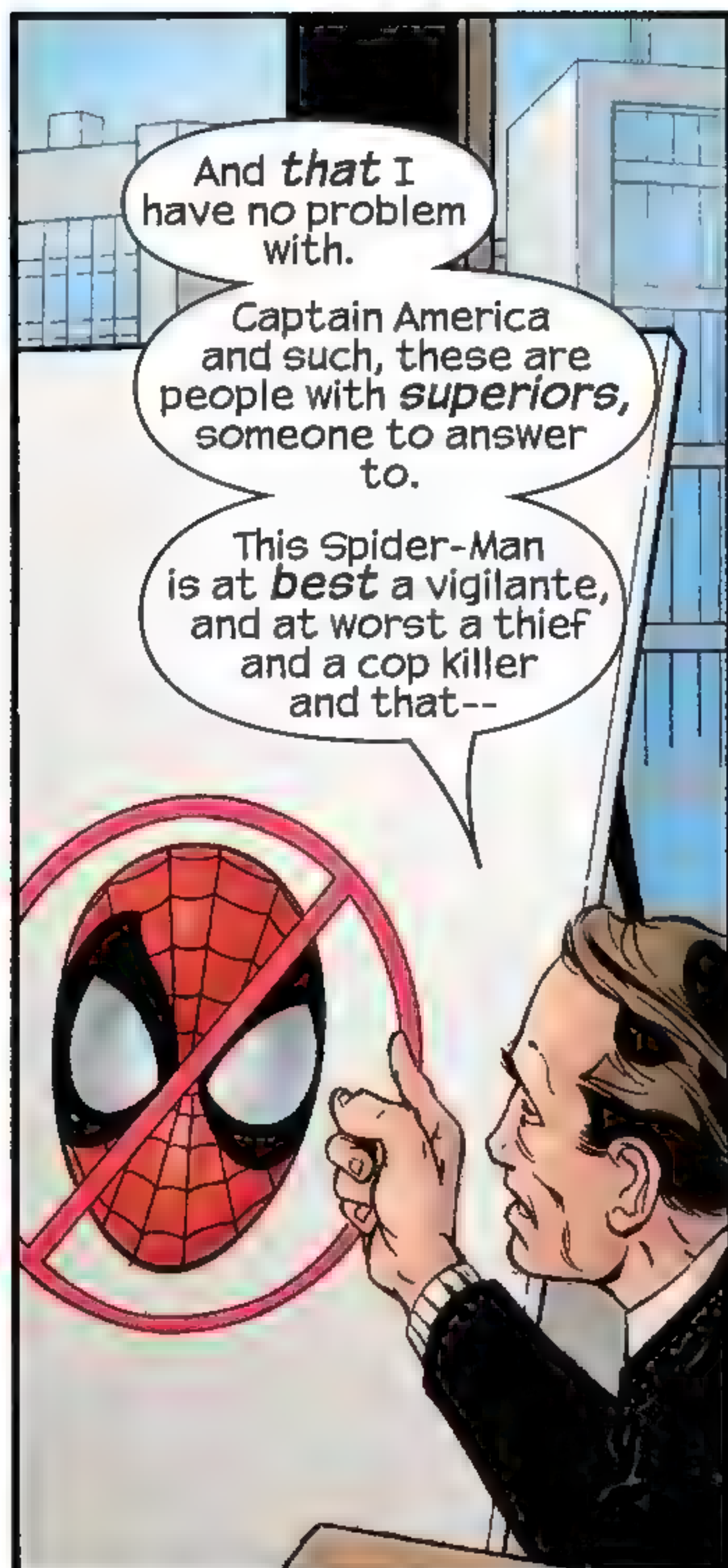
I think it's
affecting the city
in a *profound*
way.

I think the damage is to our
souls... and it's time to take
back control of our
streets.

Uh-huh.

What about
the super heroes
(or whatever they
call themselves)...

Some of
them work for our
government.



And *that* I have no problem with.

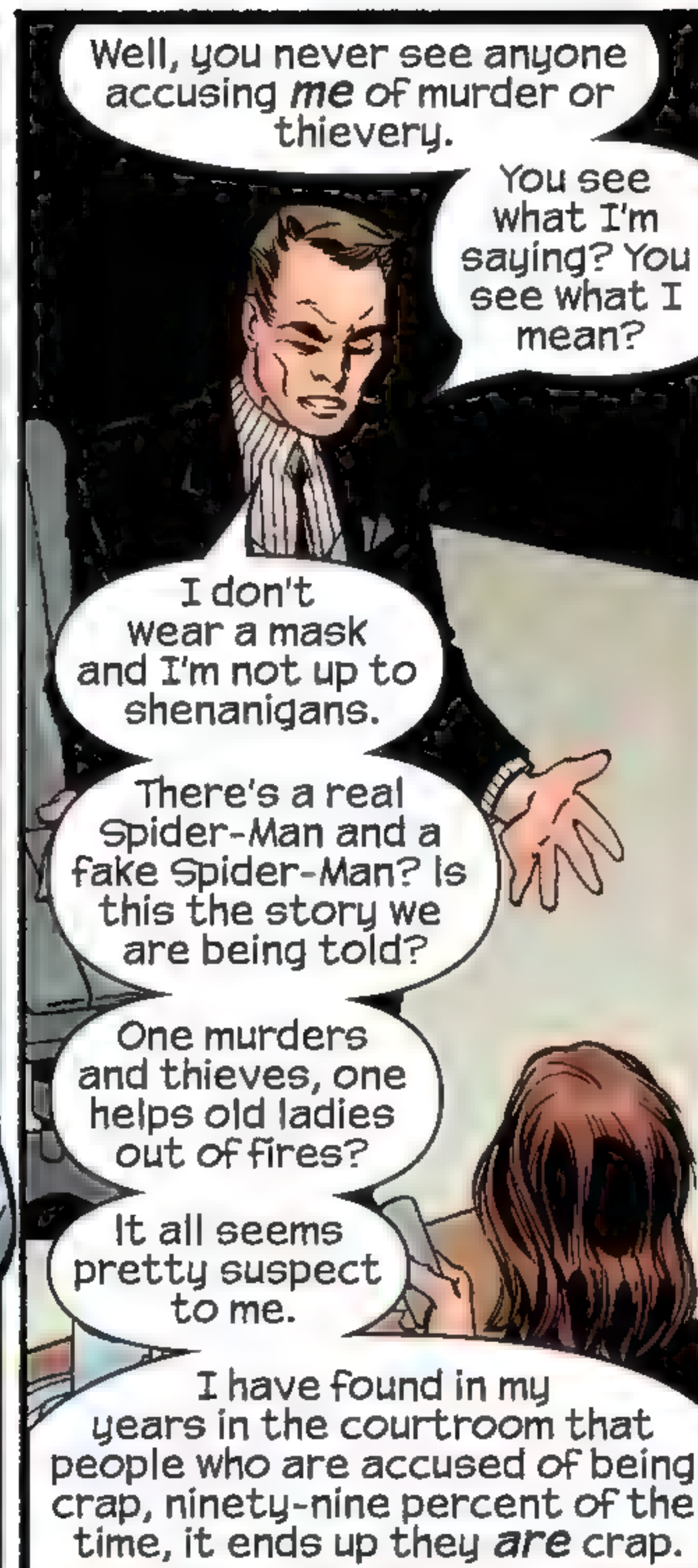
Captain America and such, these are people with *superiors*, someone to answer to.

This Spider-Man is at *best* a vigilante, and at worst a thief and a cop killer and that--



They caught the man who murdered that cop dressed as Spider-Man.

He confessed to the impersonation, the murder, the whole thing.



Well, you never see anyone accusing *me* of murder or thievery.

You see what I'm saying? You see what I mean?

I don't wear a mask and I'm not up to shenanigans.

There's a real Spider-Man and a fake Spider-Man? Is this the story we are being told?

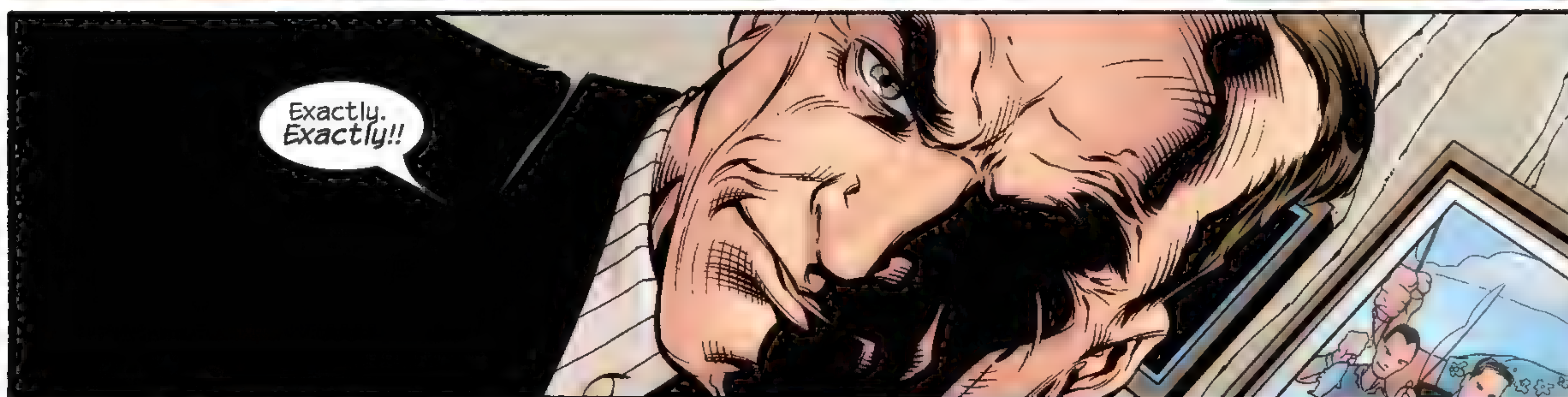
One murders and thieves, one helps old ladies out of fires?

It all seems pretty suspect to me.

I have found in my years in the courtroom that people who are accused of being crap, ninety-nine percent of the time, it ends up they *are* crap.



Where there's smoke, there's fire.



Exactly.
Exactly!!



How about mutants?

Does this smoke and fire theory of yours follow to mutants as well?

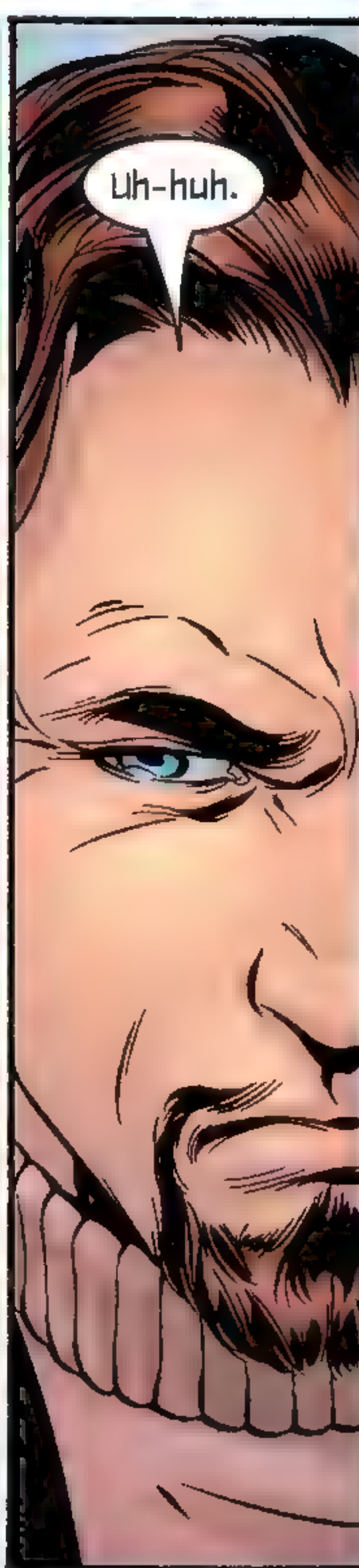


It's a *complicated* issue and I am still looking into it.

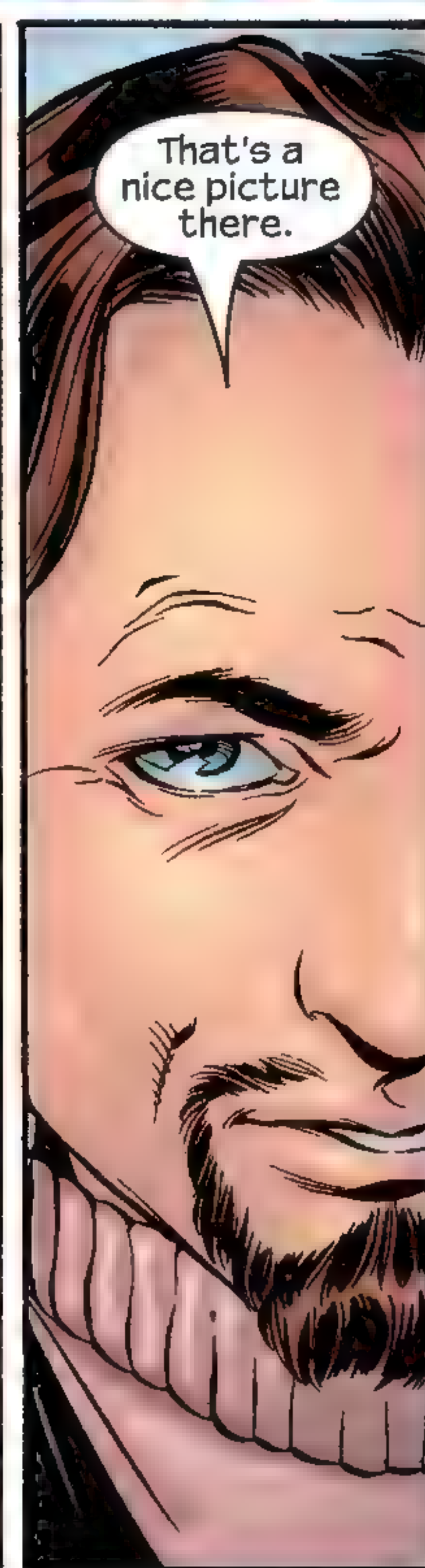
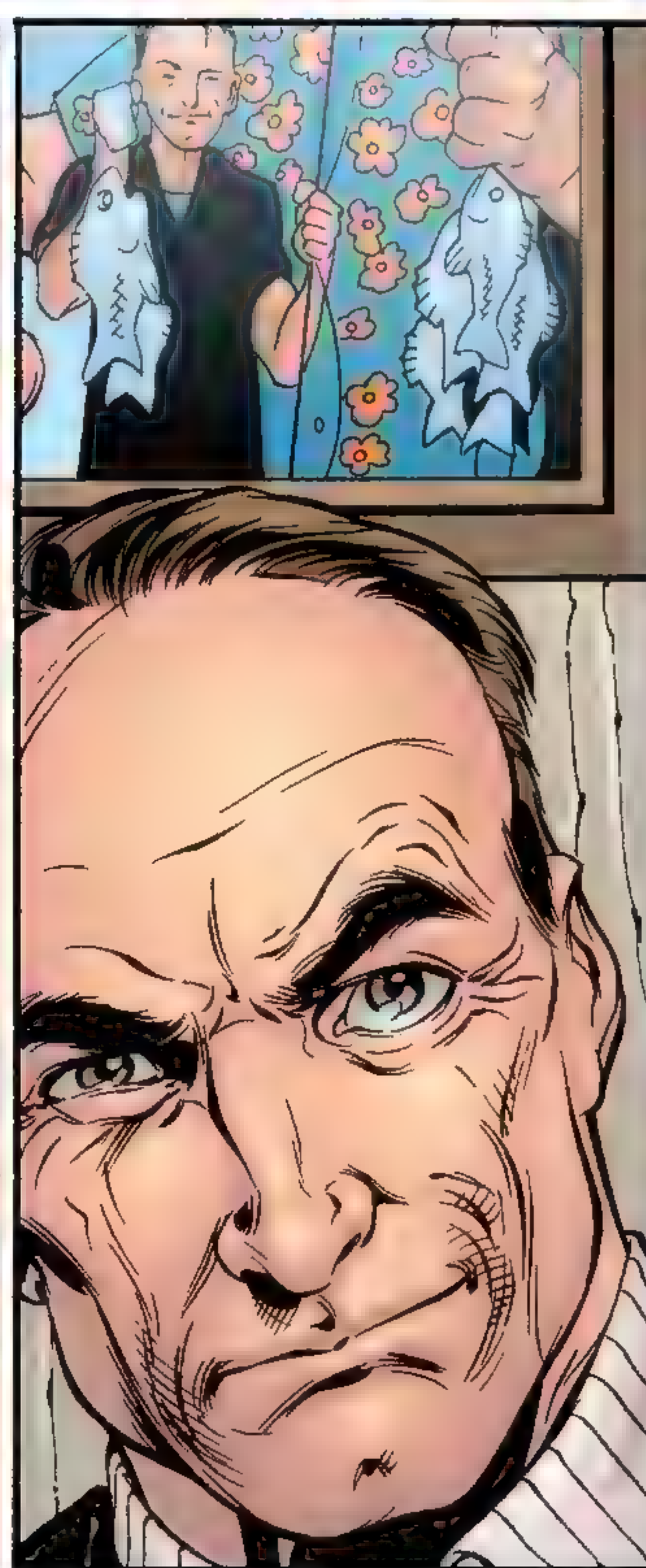
No gut feeling?

My gut feeling is that the President of the United States says humans and mutants can live together in harmony.

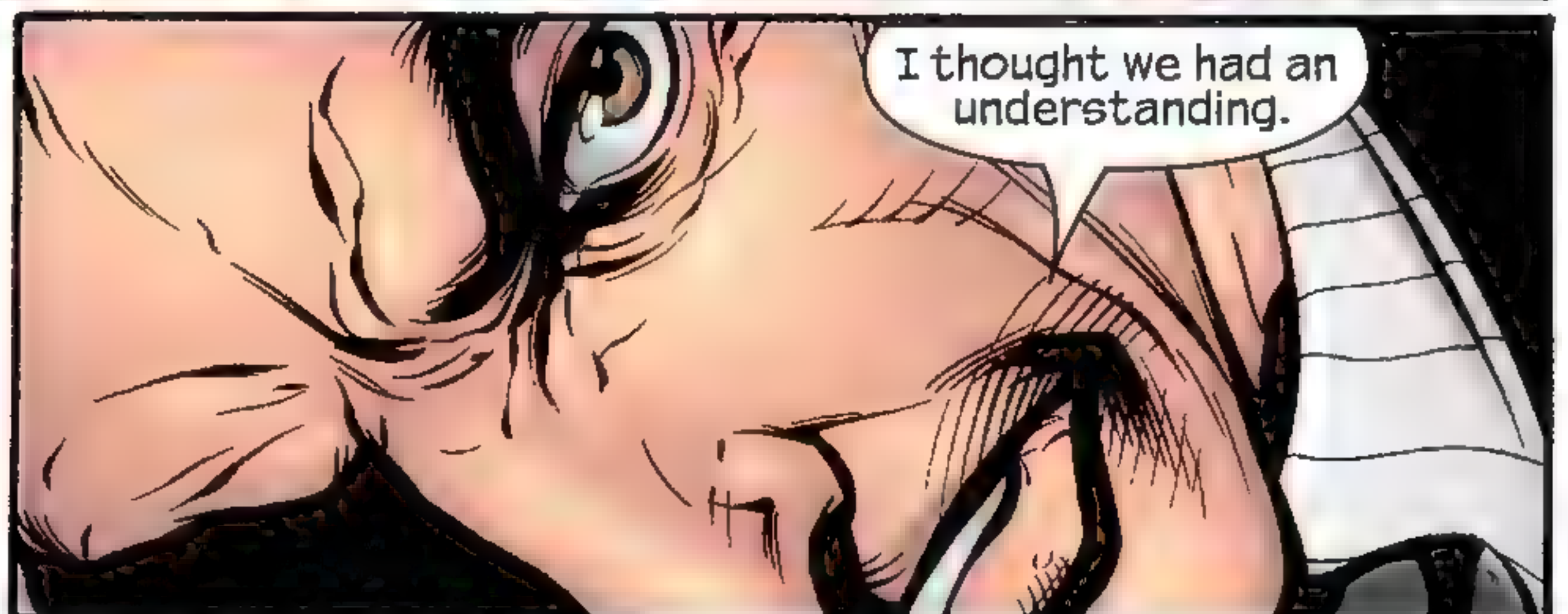
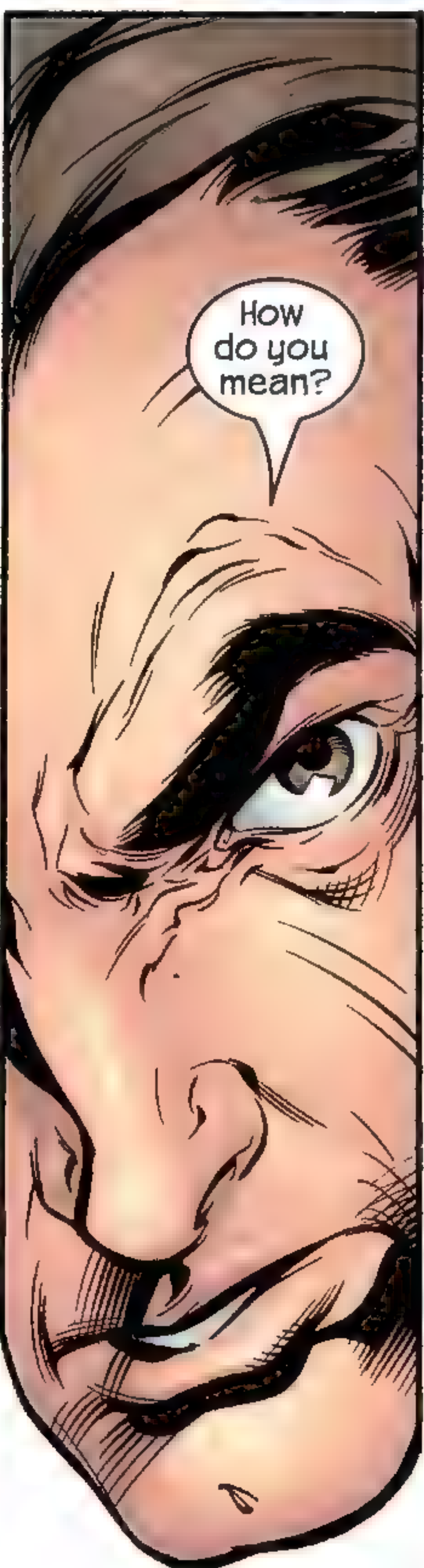
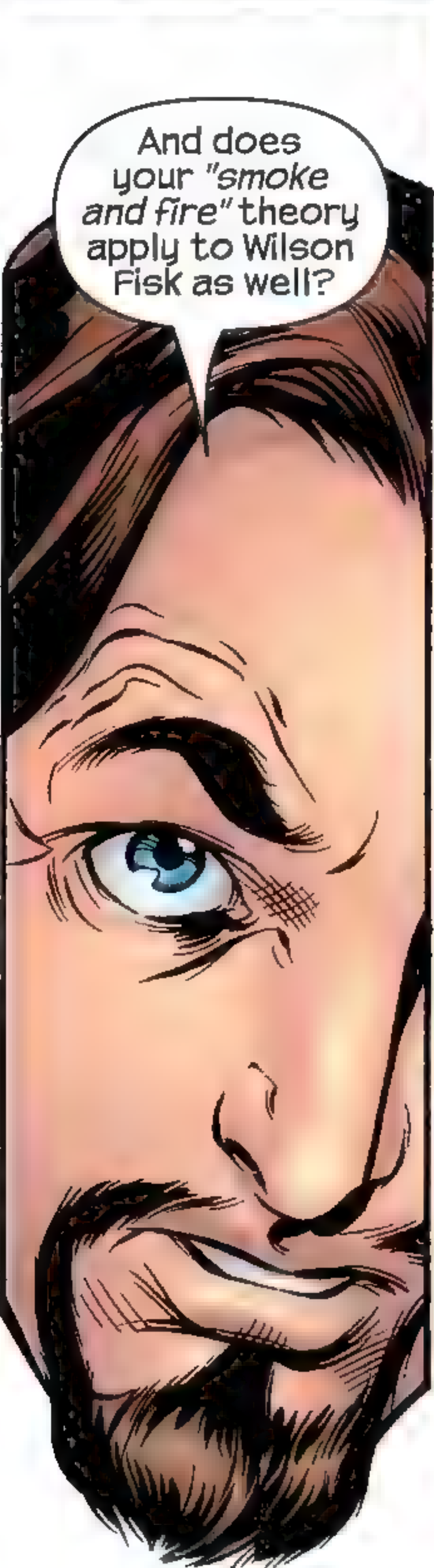
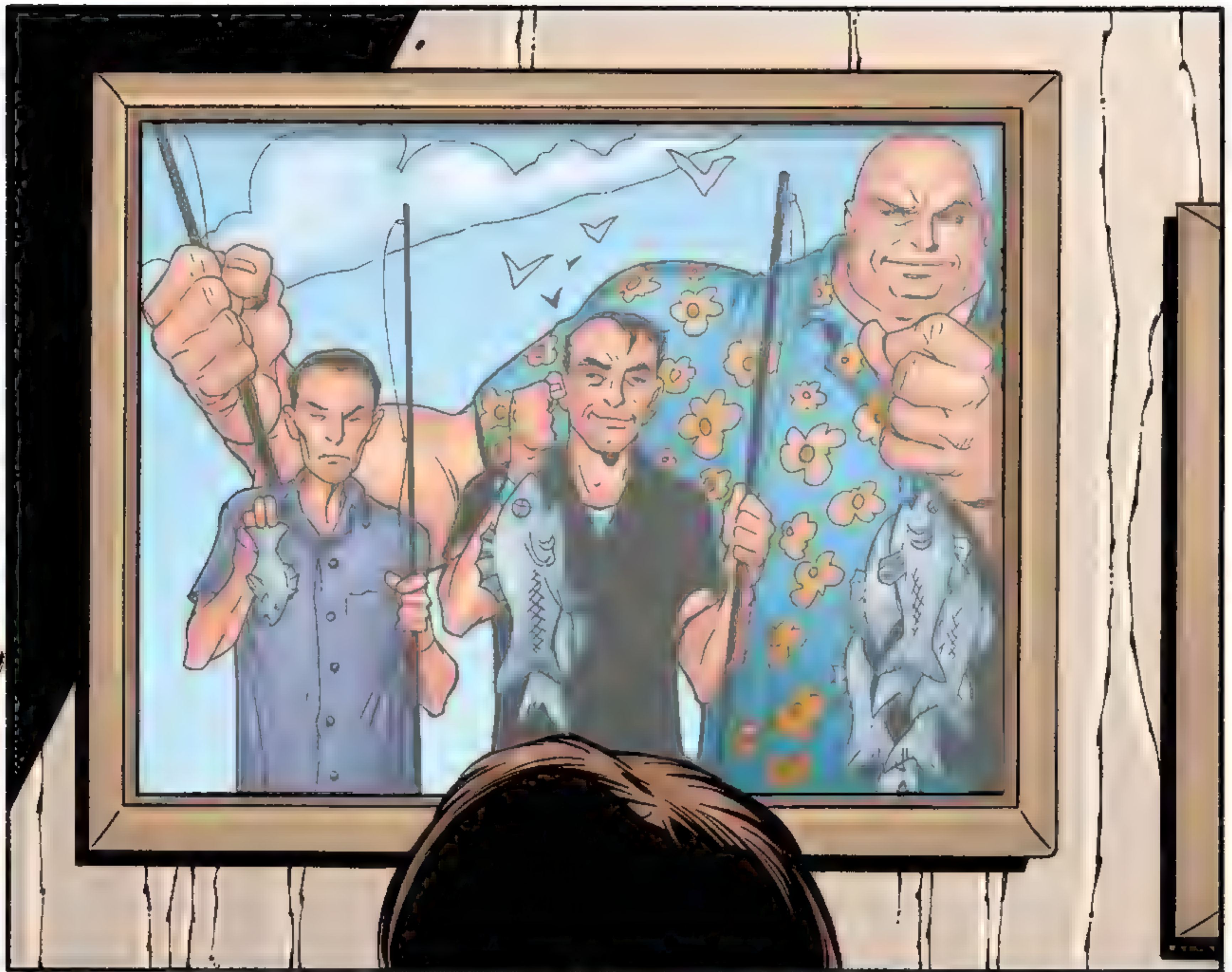
And though I certainly haven't seen any *evidence* of this, I suppose I have to support my President as is my duty as an American.



Uh-huh.

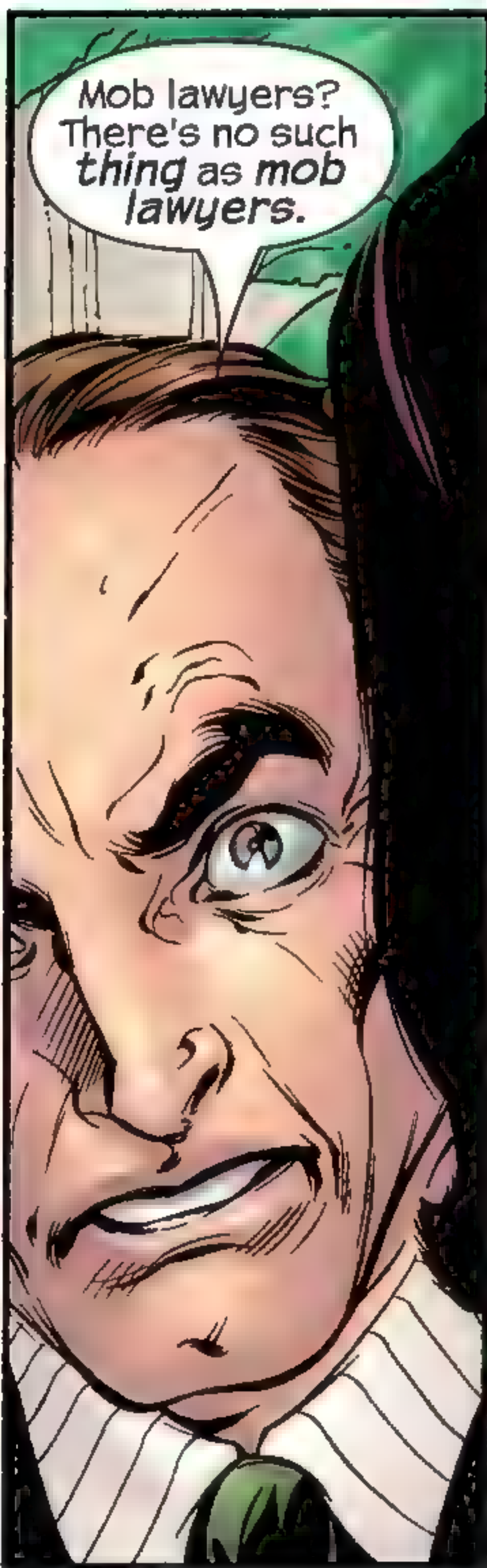


That's a nice picture there.

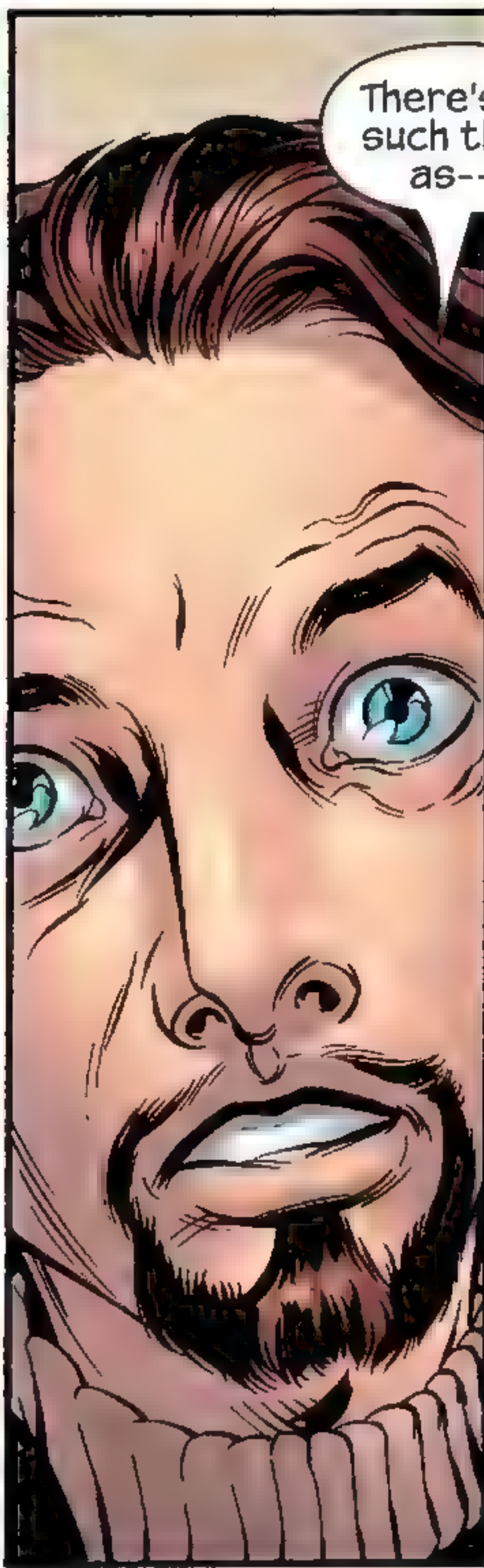




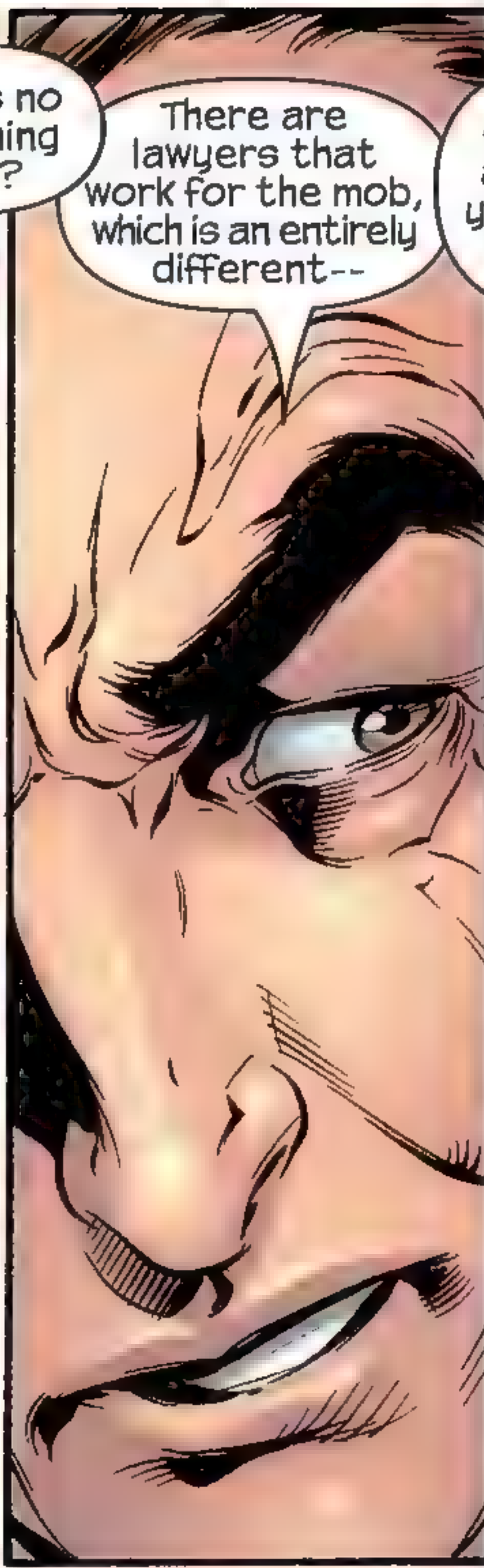
I just wanted to know how your affiliation with mob lawyers would affect your--



Mob lawyers? There's no such *thing* as mob lawyers.



There's no such thing as--?



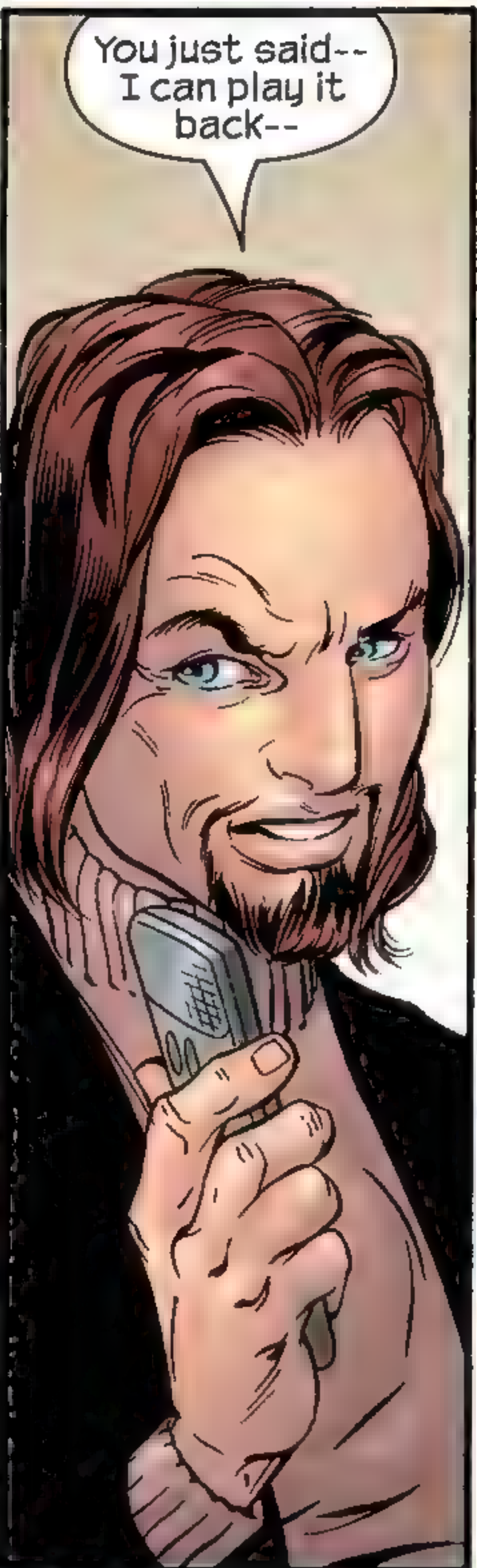
There are lawyers that work for the mob, which is an entirely different--



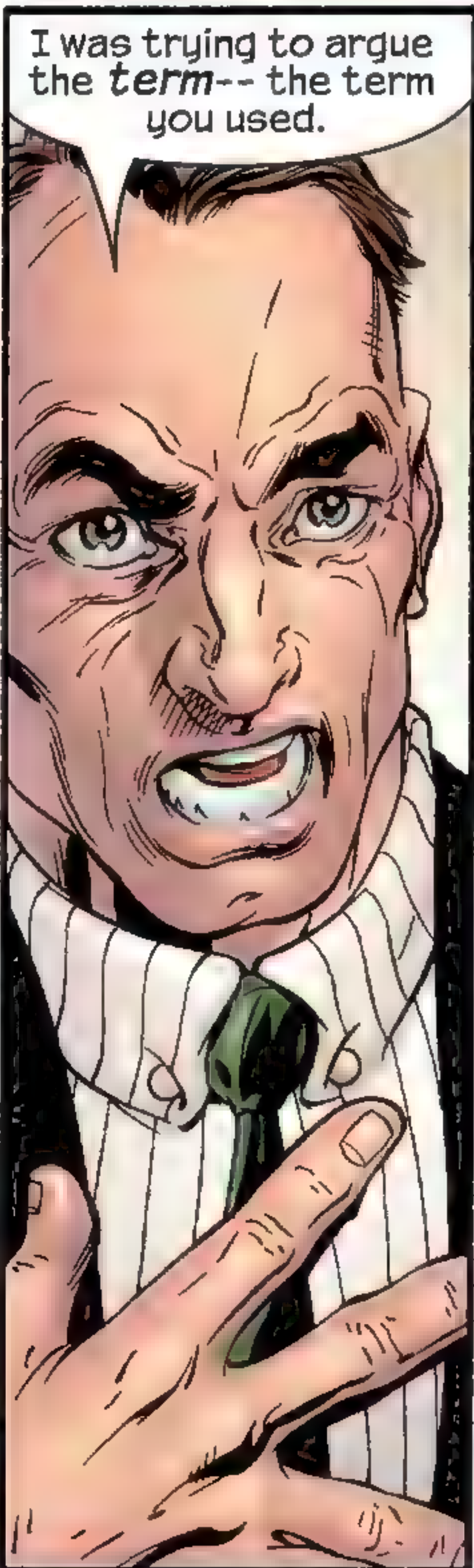
So you're saying there is a mob and that your law partner does work for them?



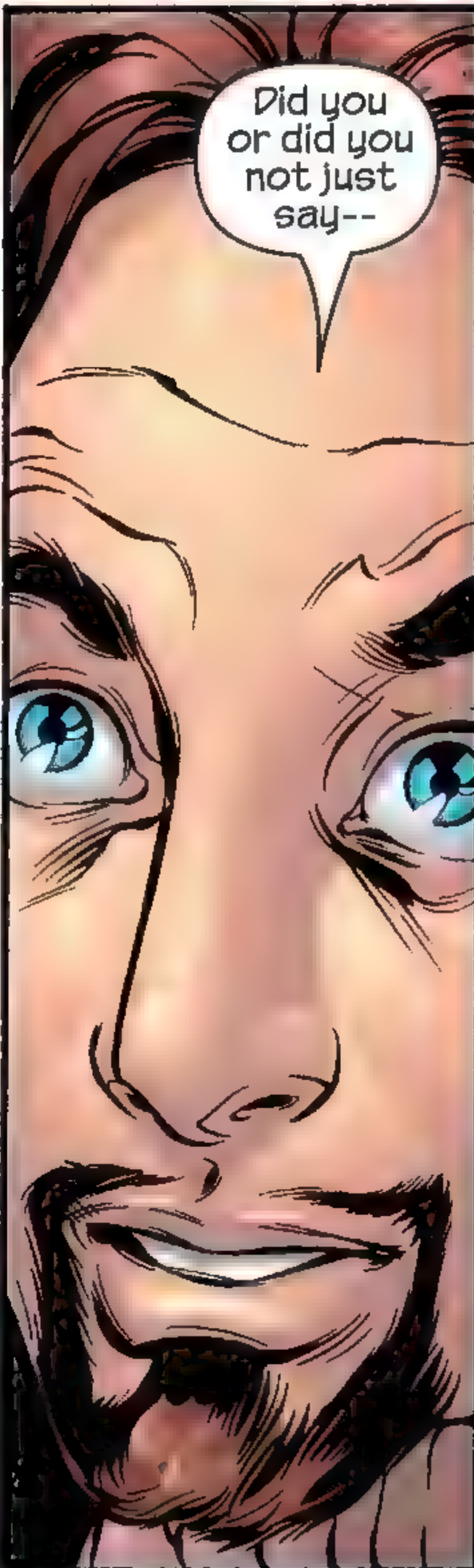
No, you're putting words in my--!!



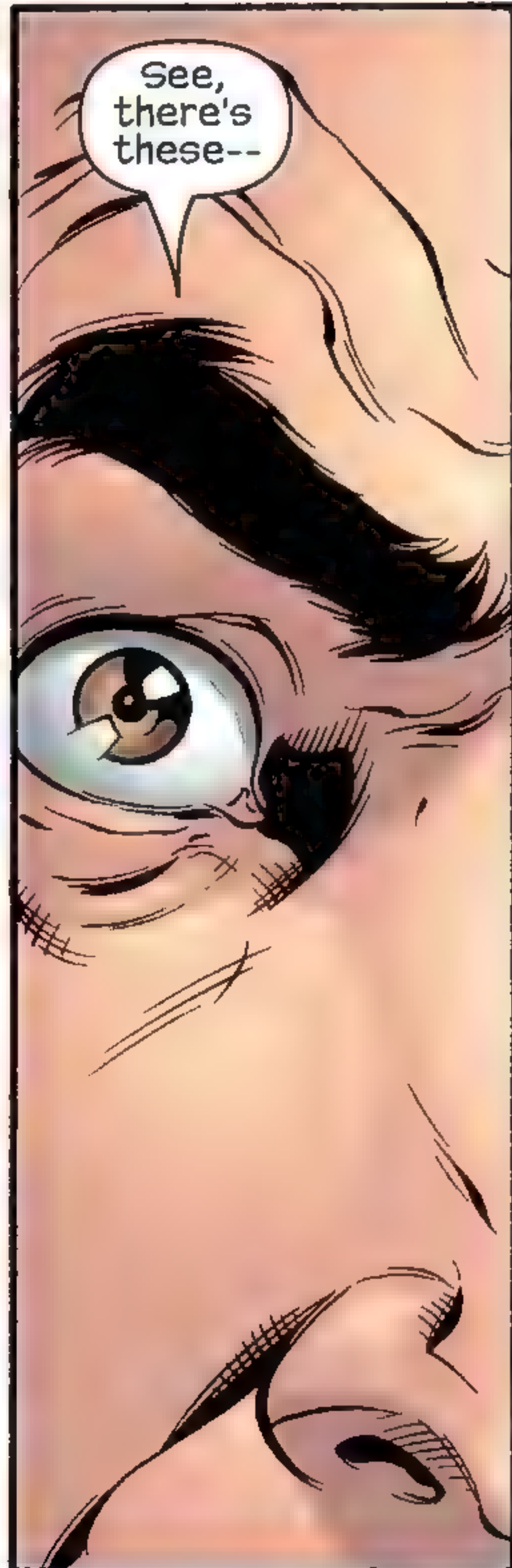
You just said-- I can play it back--



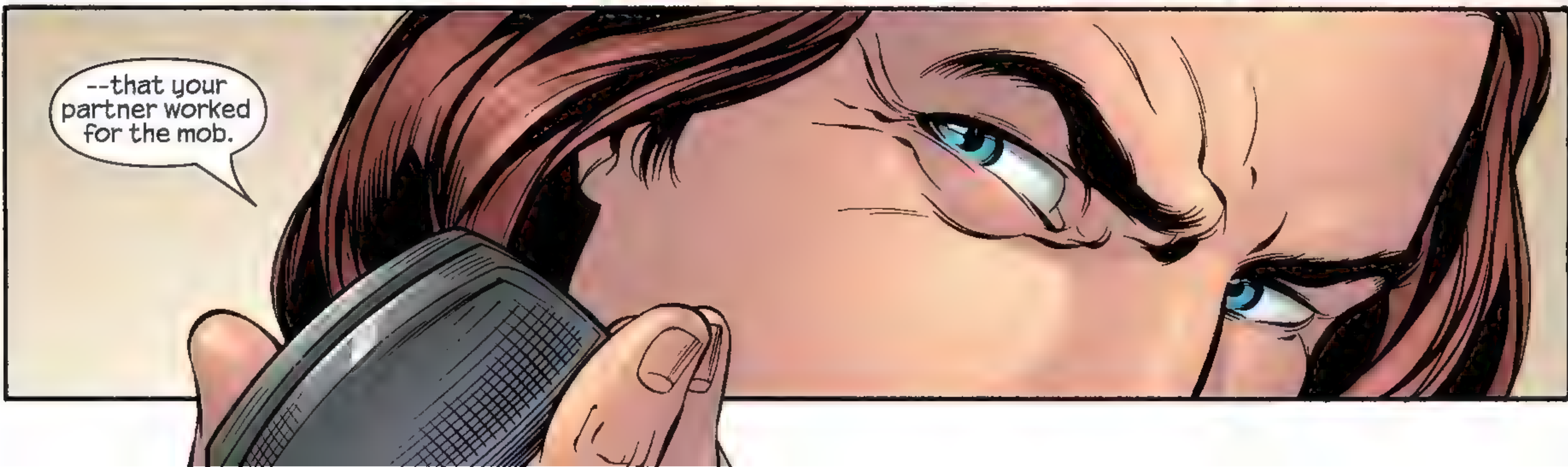
I was trying to argue the *term*-- the term you used.



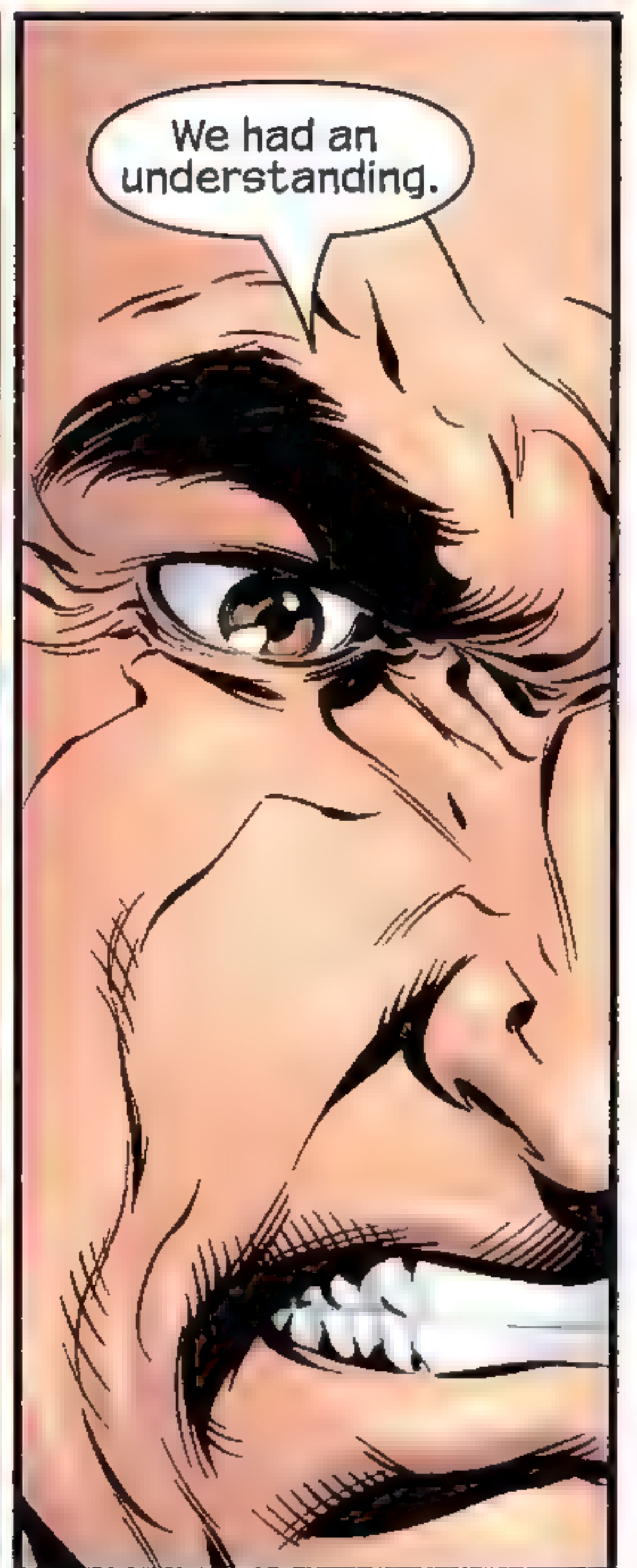
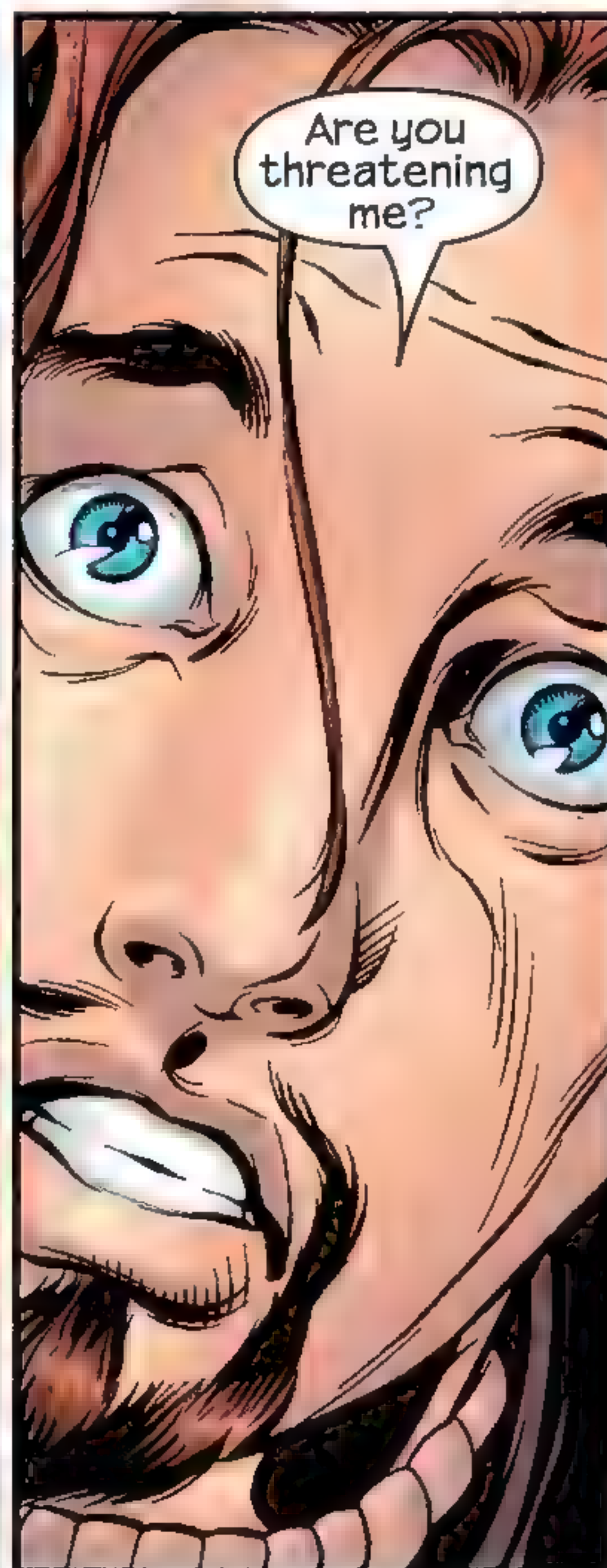
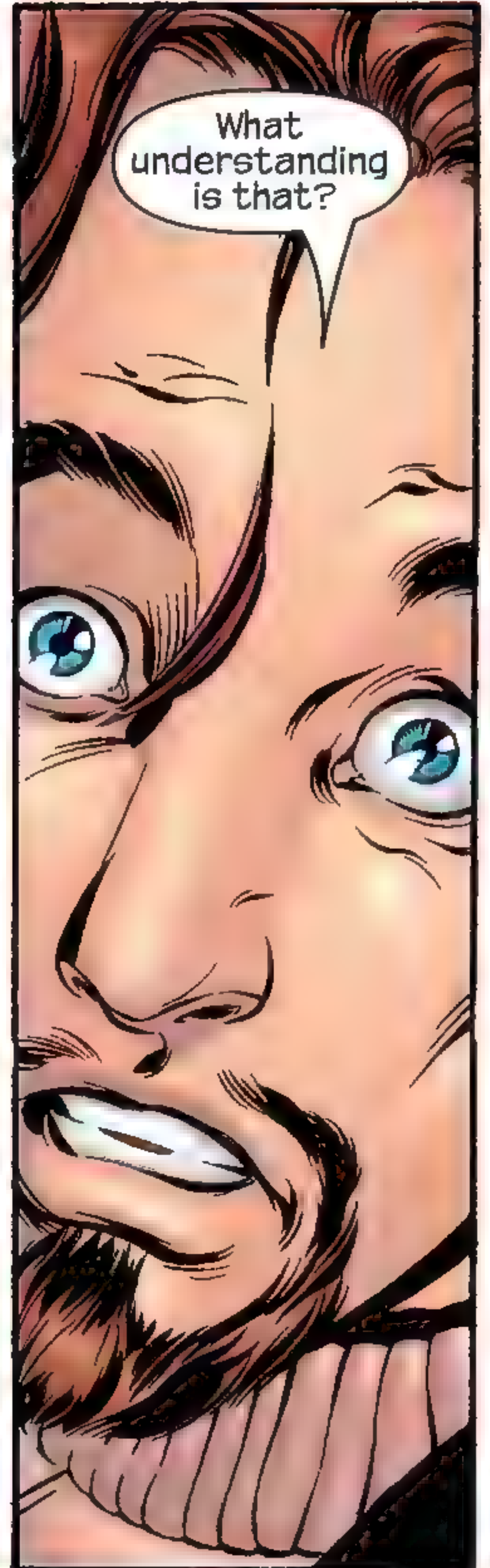
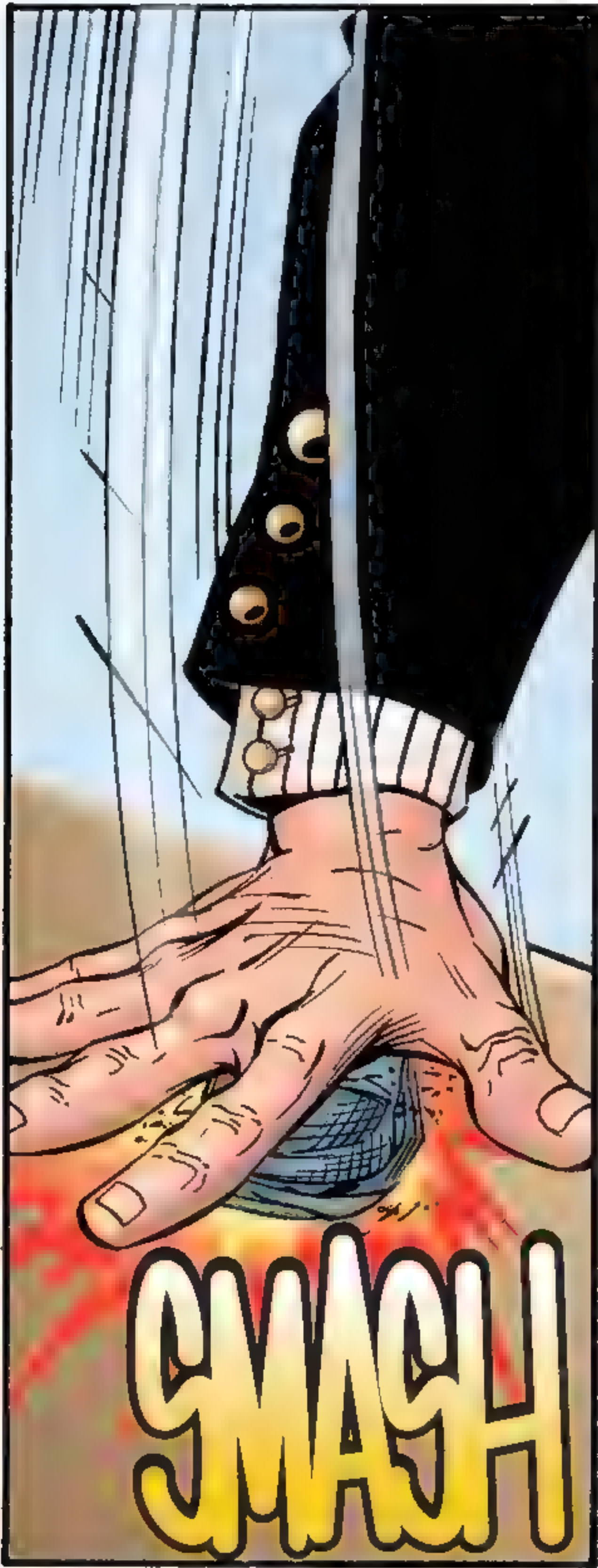
Did you or did you not just say--

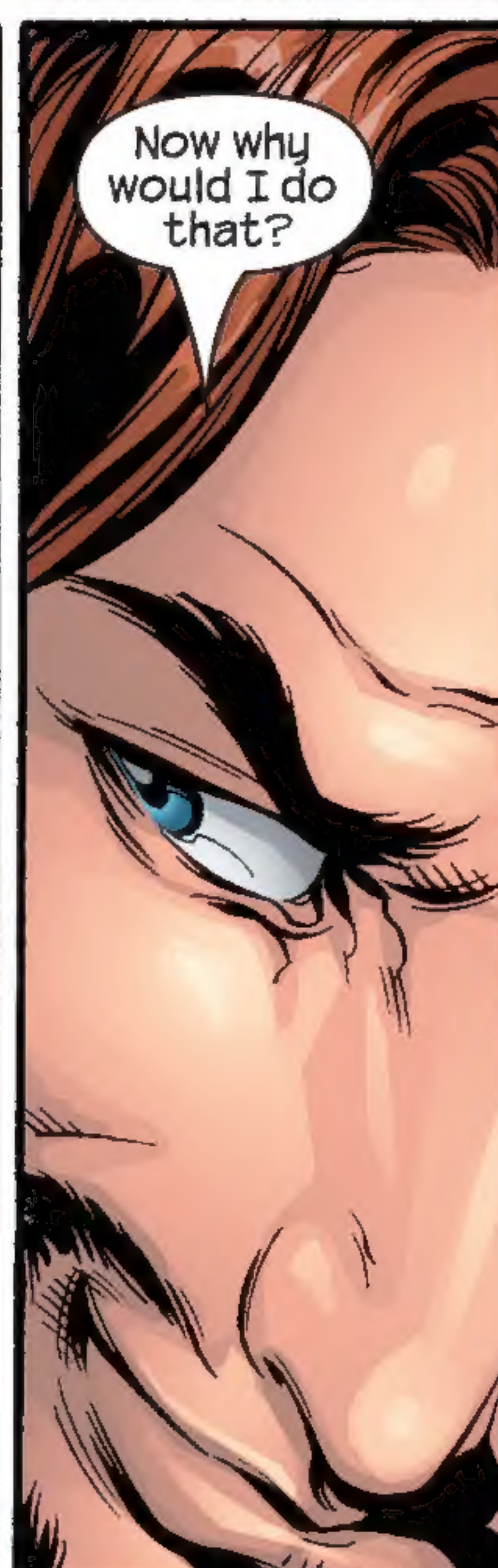


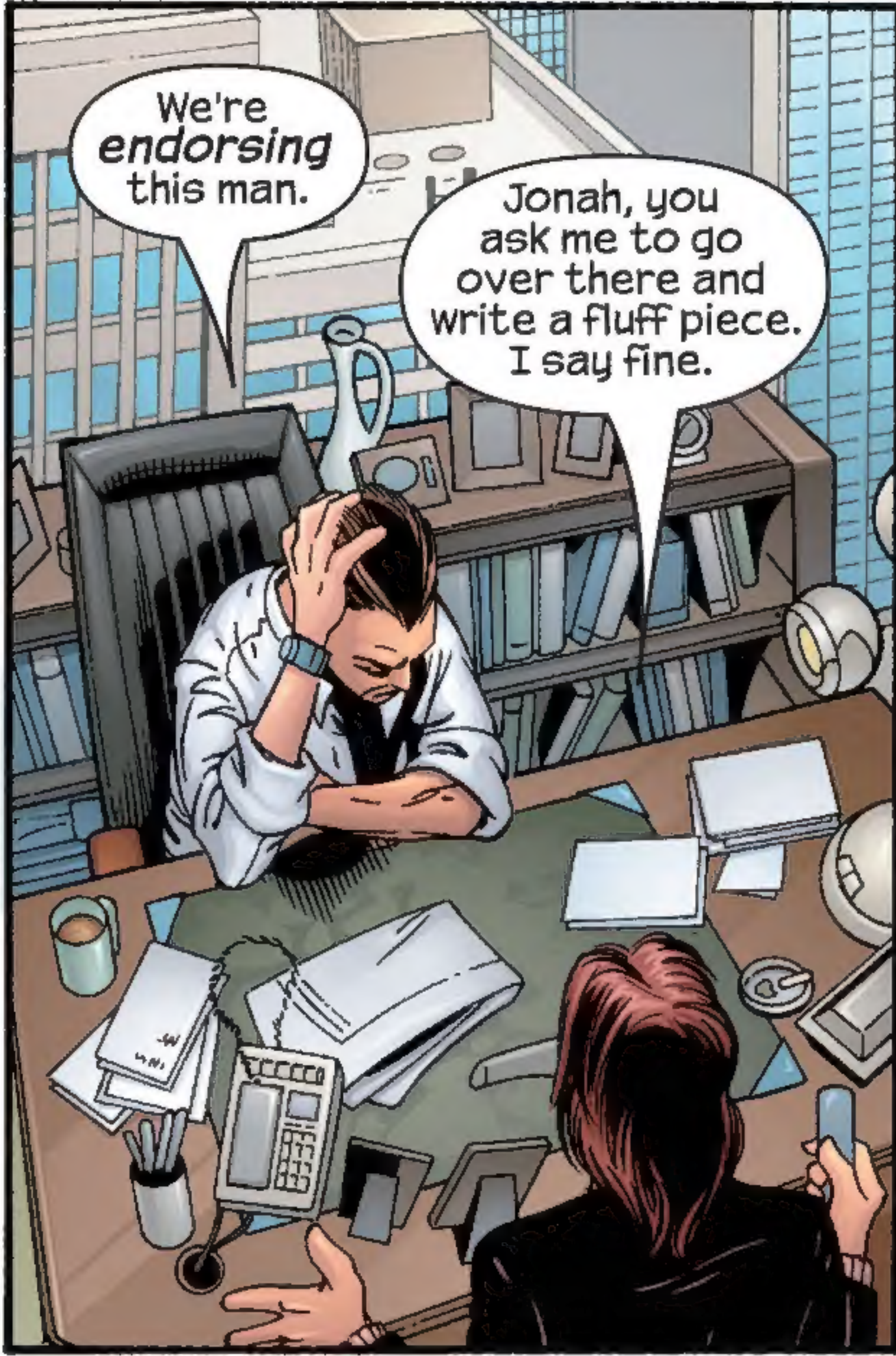
See, there's these--



--that your partner worked for the mob.

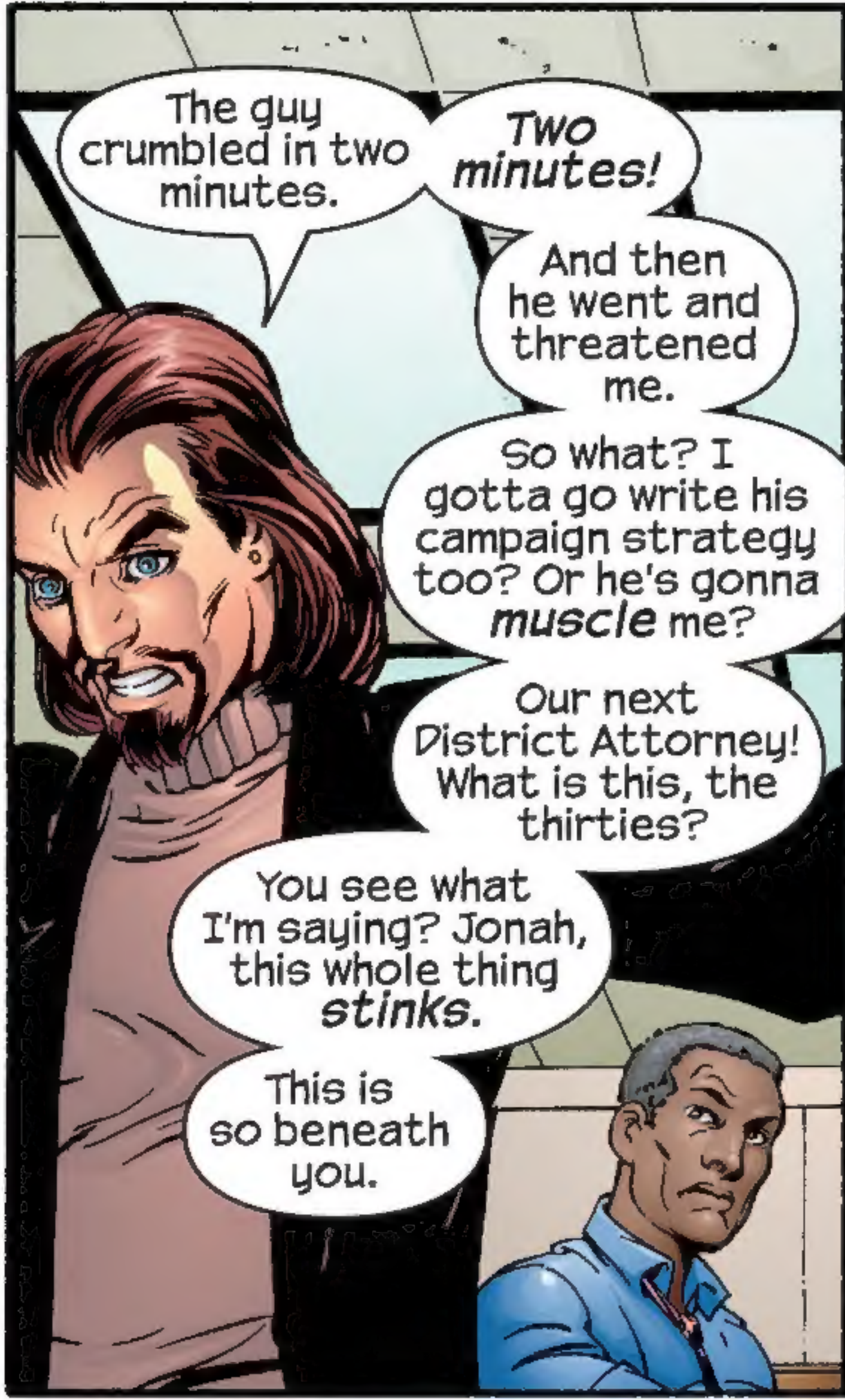






We're endorsing this man.

Jonah, you ask me to go over there and write a fluff piece. I say fine.



The guy crumbled in two minutes.

Two minutes!

And then he went and threatened me.

So what? I gotta go write his campaign strategy too? Or he's gonna muscle me?

Our next District Attorney! What is this, the thirties?

You see what I'm saying? Jonah, this whole thing stinks.

This is so beneath you.



Watch your mouth, Ulrich.



Jonah, he's scum.

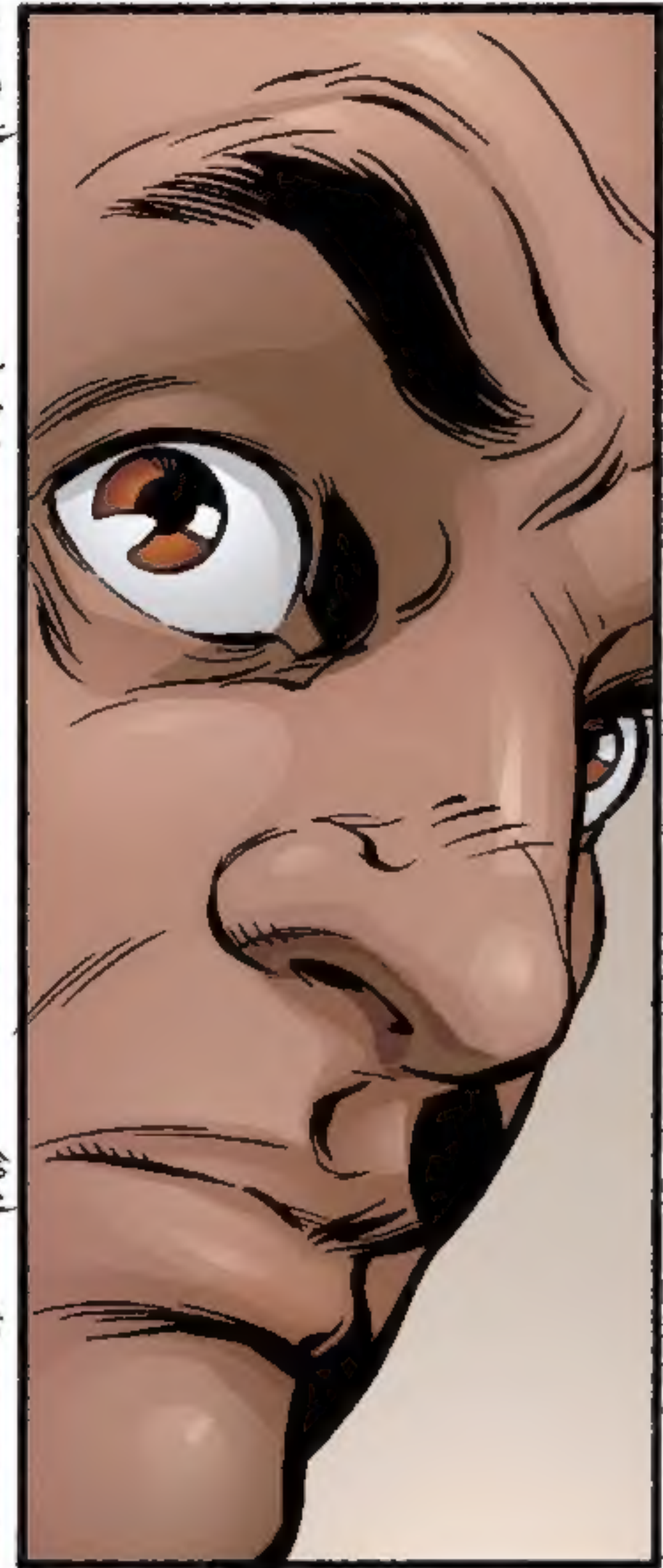
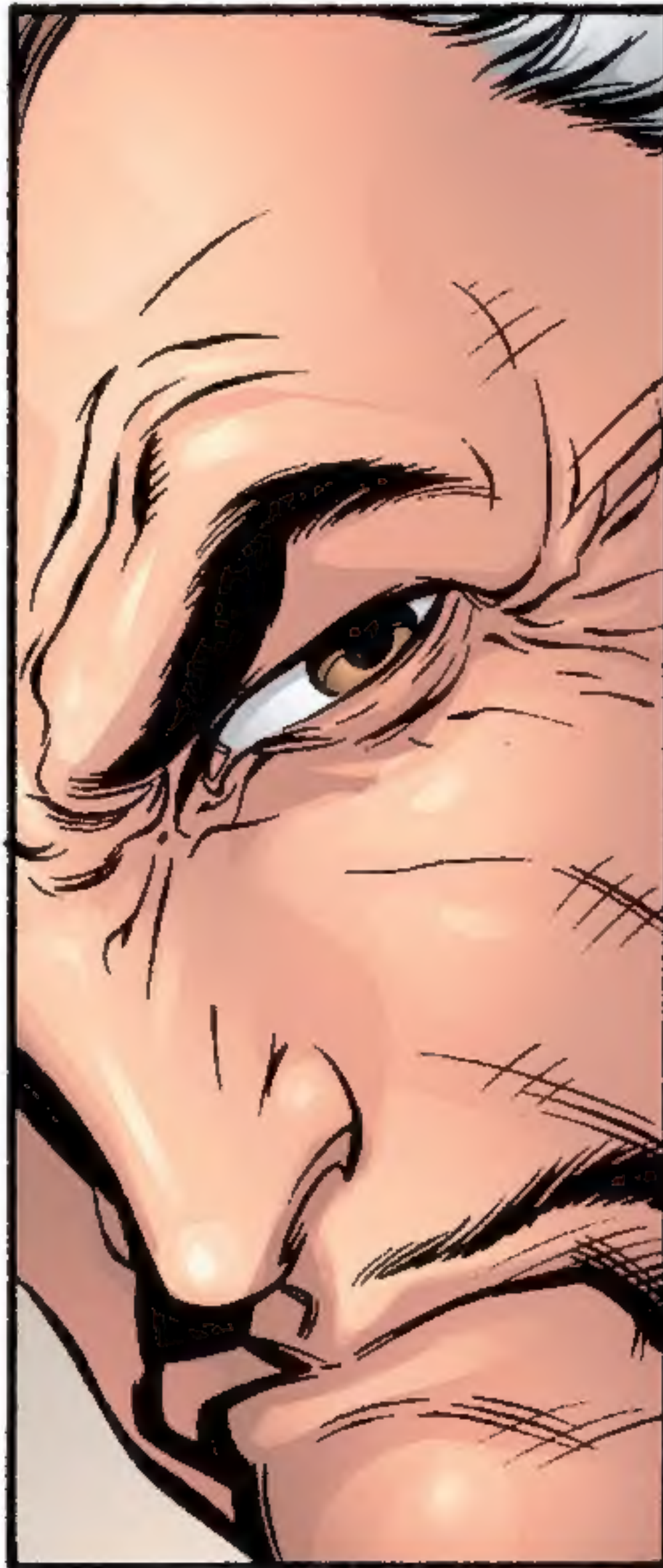
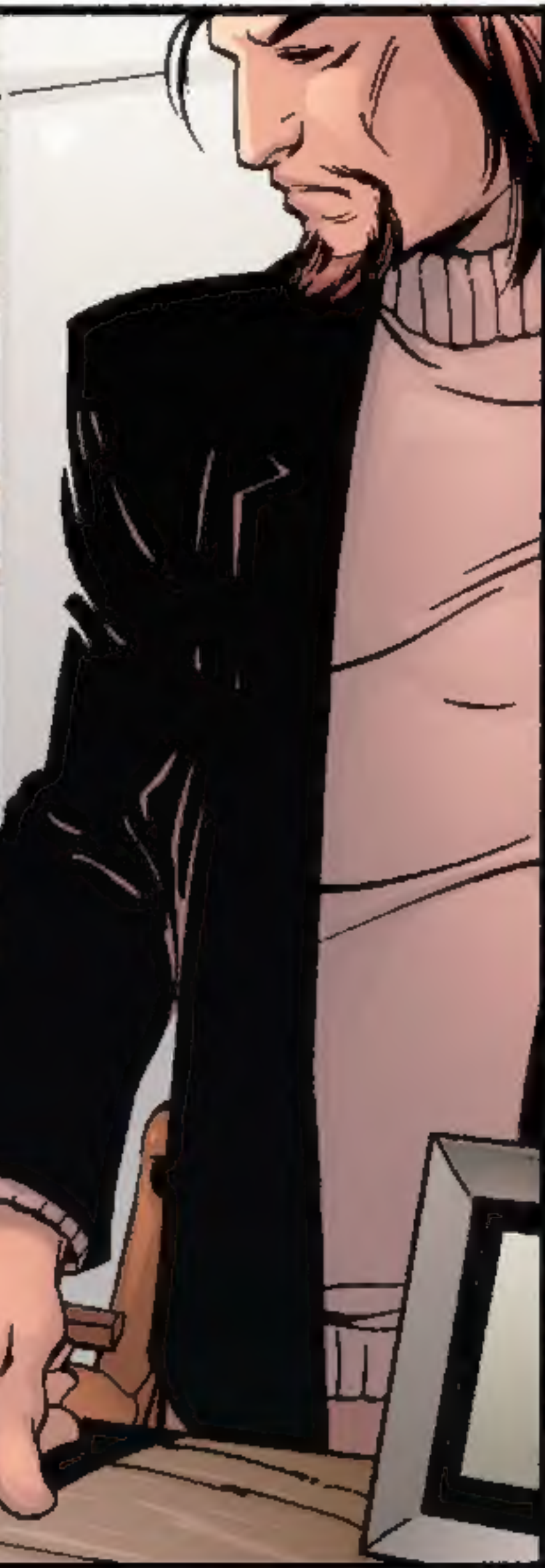
What do you want from me? He's scum.



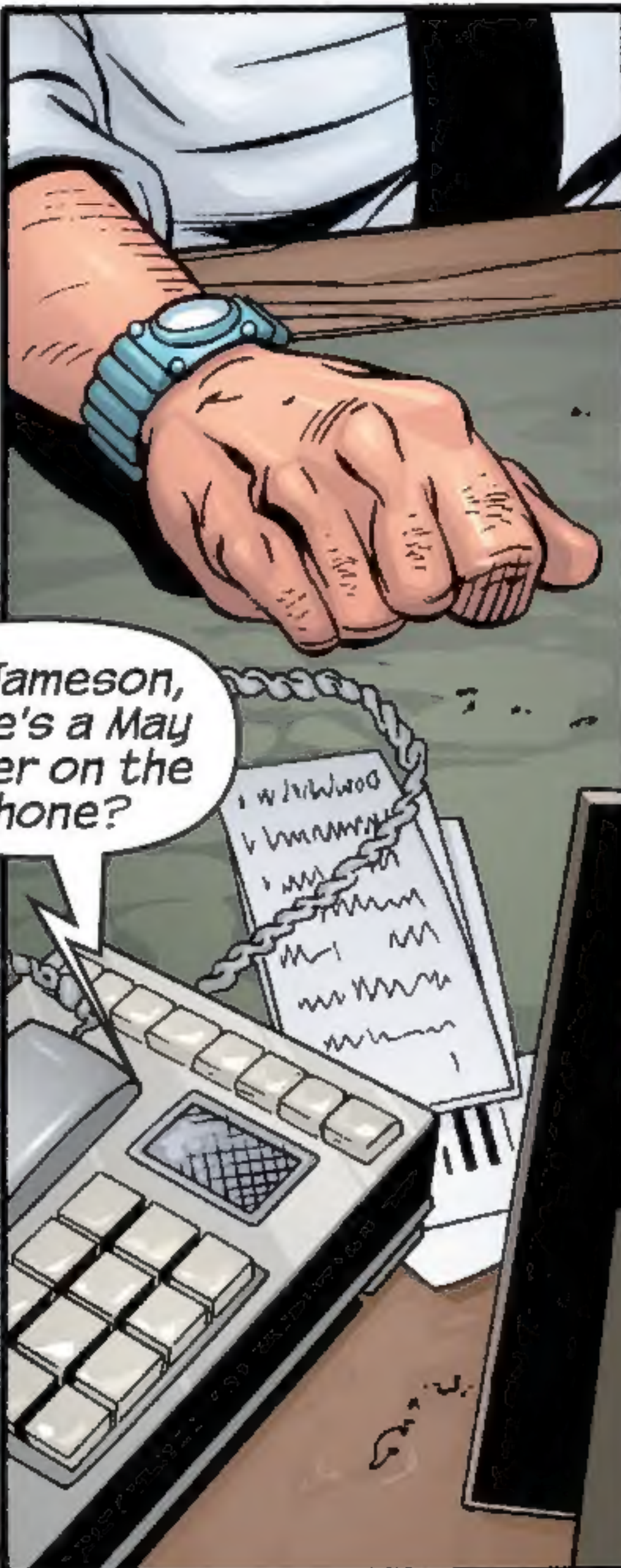
Jonah, seriously, all this just to hang a guy in a costume?

I just-- I really don't understand.

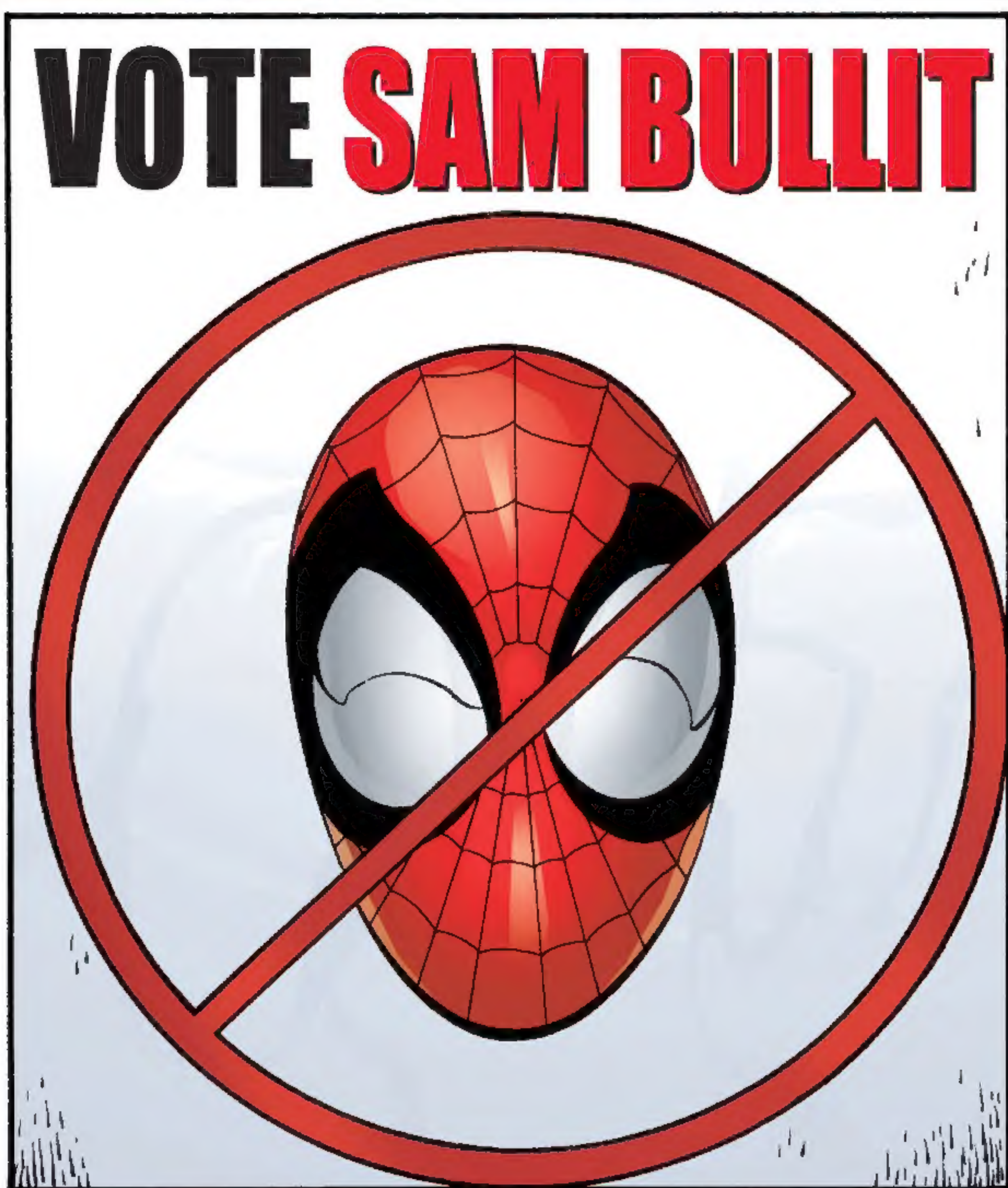
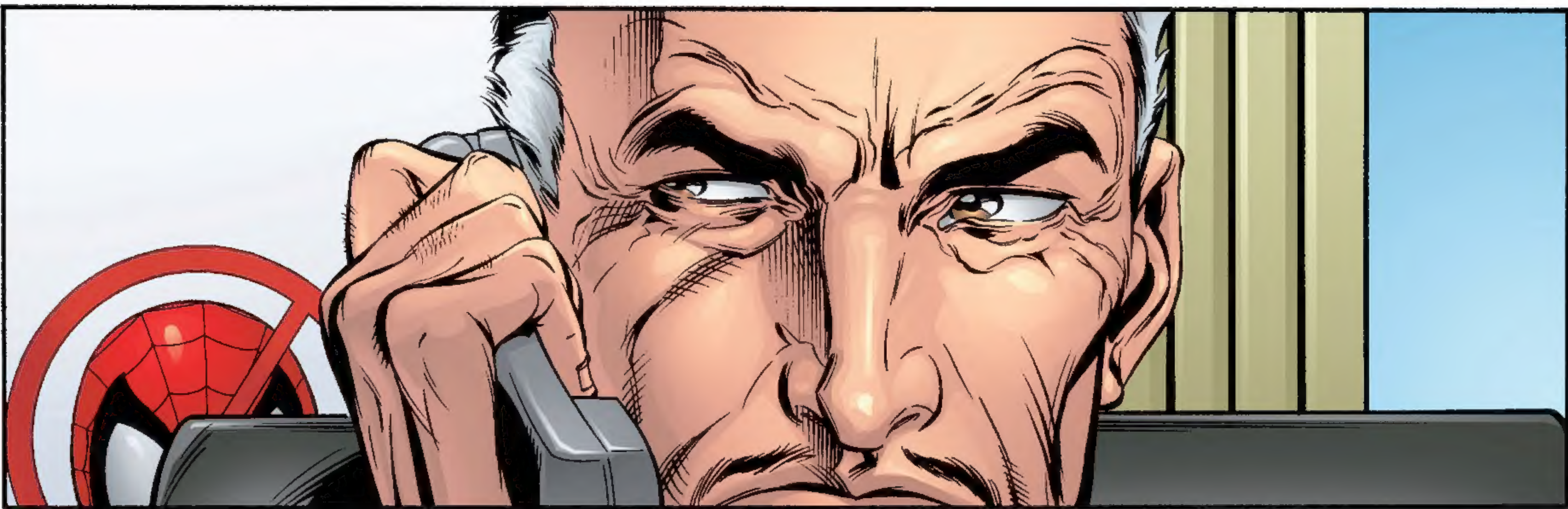
What is your problem with Spider-Man?



Mr. Jameson, there's a May Parker on the phone?



This is Jameson.





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